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Puttin' around the golf course, all for a good cause

GOLFERS TOOK TO THE GREENS and fairways to participate in the city golf tournament played at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club in honor of the late David Hunter. The City of El Cerrito Dynamo Golf Tournament is a fund-raiser played in Hunter's memory. Participating in the tournament were (photo above) Thomas Wade and Debbie Weeks. Wade (left) and Weeks appear to be taking their games seriously as they line up their putts on the green. At left, Richard Laughlin of El Cerrito sizes up his putt before stepping to roll one across the green.



El Cerrito's top cop steps down

Police Chief Fellers resigns post at request of city manager

By Robin van der Vegt

EL CERRITO — Police Chief Linda Fellers said Friday she is leaving after three years at the top at the request of the city manager.

Neither Fellers nor City Manager Gary Pokorny would say much about why Fellers, Contra Costa County's only female police chief, was asked to resign from the 33-member department.

The resignation takes effect Sept. 1. Others knowledgeable of City Hall affairs said it has been known for some time that there had been some unhappiness with Fellers as chief.

"Council knows there was some difficulty," said Councilman Larry Damon about the situation. "I had no idea that there was a problem of this magnitude."

"The council was not given full and complete information about the nature of the difficulties," Damon said there would be "tough questions" asked of Pokorny at the next City Council executive session.

"As far as community policing and other things, I think she did a good job," Damon said.

Mayor Gina Brusatori said the council leaves decisions about city staff in the city manager's hands. "That's his call. I've enjoyed working with her, and I certainly would wish her well," Brusatori said.

A reliable observer of City Hall, who would talk only off the record, said Pokorny "has talked about this for a while" and that the request for Fellers' resignation was not totally unexpected.

The source said Fellers "might not have been the best fit" as police chief in El Cerrito.

"Incompatible management philosophies," was the reason the source gave for the resignation.

Fellers characterized her working relationship with Pokorny as a good one, adding "I have a lot of respect for him." Fellers would not elaborate on why Pokorny asked for her resignation.

"He's the boss. I've done my utmost to carry out his wishes," she said.

After announcing Fellers' resignation in a brief news release last Friday, Pokorny called her departure a loss for the department, saying "she's moving on to other things."

Pokorny refused to talk about the de-

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Albany council votes on partial creek restoration

By James Carter

ALBANY — After returning from the traditional summer hiatus Monday night, the City Council authorized spending \$80,000 of Measure R funds to restore a portion of Codornices Creek located near what was once the Villa Motel.

The hotel was demolished and is scheduled to be replaced next year by "affordable family housing." According to Ann Chaney of the Community Development Department, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a plan to build 16 units of housing there, and to "restore a portion of Codornices Creek."

Chaney said housing construction at the site would begin in July 2000. The Planning and Zoning Commission recently extended the project's starting date by one year, she said.

At the Aug. 23 meeting, City Administrator Daren Fields offered a strong endorsement of Waterways Restoration Institute, the firm chosen to do the work. He said WRI has a "proven record" for creek restoration projects.

When Councilman Jon Ely asked if there were "competitive bids" offered for the undertaking, Fields said he wasn't aware of other companies that did such work.

"Staff believes this is a wise investment in that an engineering solution to restoring this portion of Codornices Creek will be completed even if, for some reason, the apartment project does not proceed," according to their report.

Chaney said building the San Pablo Avenue project will provide "much

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Water board lifts cap on Bulb

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board lifted a load off the back of the city of Albany July 29 with the announcement that the city no longer

needs to cap the Bulb.

The change of heart will save Albany millions of dollars.

"This means the city is finally able to move forward on closing the Bulb as a landfill," said Ann Ritzma, assistant city administrator.

Though the water board "took a second look" at its initial order lifting the cap, the board asked for "some additional studies and requested a more specific plan for the former landfill," Ritzma said.

Once Albany fulfills the mandate from the water board, "we'll move forward on the funding, and then we'll actually do the work," she added.



JOANNA JHANDA

HONDA of El Cerrito received some good news last week in its bid to remain at its present location near Baxter Creek.

Dealership step closer to stay at present site

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Exotic species such as the chirping-horned Passer, the white-topped Accord and the silver-grilled Civic have been spotted along Baxter Creek just west of San Pablo Avenue at the El Cerrito-Richmond border.

Last week, these Honda of El Cerrito species came a step closer to receiving official approval to remain at their creek-side sanctuary for the next 13 to 14 months.

Richmond's Environmental Assessment Panel voted 5-0 to issue an environmental negative declaration which essentially states that, after specified improvements are made, it will not harm the environment to store cars at the site just south of Baxter Creek in Richmond.

Honda of El Cerrito wants to continue storing new cars at the site temporarily until September or October 2000, and has applied for a condition use permit.

The city's Planning Commission still has to consider the conditional use application before a permit is issued.

Critics of the approval, including Richmond Councilman Thomas Butt and the El Cerrito-based Friends of Baxter Creek, worried about possible runoff of pollutants into the creek, aesthetics, and the possible introduction of "exotic, non-native" plants along the creek banks.

The negative declaration issuance requires Honda of El Cerrito and the owners, Adachi Associates, to remove all non-

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Meeting with Giola

A Town Hall meeting with County Supervisor John Giola on will be held today, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the El Cerrito Library, 8510 Stockton Ave. Open forum discussing community concerns, with special emphasis on funding for libraries, open space, and urban revitalization. Details: 374-3231

Council candidates

Meet the City Council candidates at the El Cerrito Democratic Club candidates forum on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Details: 525-5187

CCCT auditions

Contra Costa Civic Theatre will hold open auditions for "Mere Mortals" — a collection of one-act comedies, directed by Wendy Wisely and Michael Ray Wisely — on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. Need three men, three women. Prepare a short comedic monologue. No appointments. No pay. Performances weekends October 15-November 20.

Millennium celebration

The Human Relations and Affirmative Action Commission and the city of Richmond 1999 Festival Committee invite you to participate in the 1999 Multi-Cultural Festival. On April 26, the White House and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton wrote to Mayor Rosemary M. Corbin selecting the city of Richmond as one of the first nine "Official Millennium Community." On Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Richmond will be celebrating the new millennium and will be honoring the past, while imaging the city's future. This will also be the opportunity for Richmond to showcase its diverse communities, cultures, rich heritage, food, and customs. This event will provide the opportunity for the Rich-

mond community to come together and display its "Good Neighbor Policies and Programs," in addition to bringing together local businesses and residents in a festival environment. If you are a citizen of Richmond, doing business in Richmond, and wish to take part in this exciting moment in human history — the approach of a new century and the next millennium — please contact Duane Chapman at 307-8017 or Shawn Griffin at 620-8822.

Stroll volunteers needed

Volunteers are wanted to help before and during the Sept. 12 Solano Avenue Stroll. Postering, half-day block captains, parade monitors, etc. are needed. Have fun and meet people. Details: 527-5358.

New school dedications

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education has scheduled opening ceremonies for the new Albany Middle School and Ocean View Elementary School. Ocean View, at 1000 Jackson St., will be christened Saturday, Sept. 18 at noon. Ceremonies at AMS, 1259 Brighton Ave., will be Saturday, Sept. 25 at noon. Students, staff, parents and the greater community are invited to attend. Details: 55-6814.

Hornblower Ball coming

The Bay Area English Regency Society presents the "Hornblower Ball" on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Arlington Community Center, 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. The society will recreate a party aboard a British fighting frigate during the Napoleonic Wars. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and dancing will begin at 8 p.m. Costumed guests, refreshments, nautical songs, toasts and period card games will add to the enjoyment. Tickets: \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door. Costumes and dance partners are not required. Details: (415) 931-5775.

Acrylics and watercolors

"Painting Myself," an exhibit of paintings by Christine Curtis using acrylics on paper will be exhibited through Aug. 31 at the Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies. Curtis uses a process of automatic painting similar to that used by the early surrealists. Her paintings are on display each weekday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., excepting noon to 1 p.m., at the Gallery for the Center for Psychological Studies, located at 1398 Solano Ave. in Albany. Also on exhibit is "Dream Imagery," an exhibit of prints of watercolors by Jon Larsen through July 31. Details: 524-0291.

Y2K meetings

Meetings to discuss and organize courses of action that will ensure human health and safety, both locally and globally, throughout the New Year transition, at nuclear plants and in regards to nuclear weapons. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not imposed any minimum standard requirements for Y2K readiness thus far. We need to work fast. We need lots of people to get the word out. Regular meetings are being held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 1407 Addison St. Berkeley, until further notice. Details: (415) 789-8032.

Eat, drink, recycle

The public is invited to view the current exhibit at the Gallery Showcase the Albany Community Center Library Complex, 1249 Marin Ave. in the Albany Community Center Department Office. The current show is entitled "Eat Drink and Recycle." Artist Bernie Stoffer is displaying art made out of common recycled food boxes of colors, shapes and sizes. The show will be up through August from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 54 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Thieves fail in their effort to steal Chevy van in Albany neighborhood

ALBANY — On the morning of Aug. 8, a resident on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that thieves attempted to steal her tan 1988 Chevy van by smashing the driver's side window and breaking the steering column. They were unable to start the car and abandoned their attempt without being seen.

■ On the night of Aug. 9, a Richmond man reported that thieves had stolen his black '88 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that was parked in the lot of the Albany Bowl. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Aug. 10, Albany officers responded to the overpass on Buchanan Street on reports of a man and a woman who were fighting. When officers arrived the man and woman, both transients, placed each other under citizen's arrest. They were arrested for assault and battery and transported to separate hospitals to have their injuries treated. They were not held further.

■ At about 11:30 p.m. on Aug. 11, Albany police received several calls regarding a fire near San Carlos Street and Portland Avenue which involved a PG&E power pole that was the apparent cause of a power outage in the area. Albany firefighters extinguished the fire and PG&E responded to make repairs to the pole and wires. Poles at Solano and Carmel Avenues and poles at Washington Avenue and Pierce Street also blew, causing more power outages. These outages caused numerous alarms to go off in businesses in the area. Power was restored at about 7:30 a.m. the next day.

■ On the night of Aug. 11, a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Street reported that he had just interrupted thieves who were attempting to break into his green '96 Toyota Corolla. He was unable to de-

scribe the subjects and they were gone when officers arrived.

■ At about 5 p.m. on Aug. 12, an El Cerrito woman reported that she had been robbed at gunpoint by two men after leaving the Safeway Store and while in front of the Bank of America on Solano Avenue. She described one of the attackers as a Hispanic man, about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds with dark, short, slicked back hair, and dark complexion, wearing an olive green long-sleeved shirt and brown pants. The second subject she described as a Hispanic man, about 30 years old, 6 feet tall, weighing 170 pounds with short brown wavy hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt, khaki pants and gray suede or leather shoes. They were last seen going northwest on Solano Avenue and were gone when officers arrived. Police are investigating.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 14, Albany officers observed a black '94 Toyota which was parked at the rear of the new middle school on Brighton Avenue and contacted two subjects who were in and around the buildings. The 26-year-old El Cerrito man and the 27-year-old Berkeley man were arrested for trespassing. They were both cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 4:30 a.m. on Aug. 15, Albany officers stopped a green '96 Toyota Turell for erratic driving. The driver, a 30-year-old San Pablo man, was found to be intoxicated and driving with an expired California Driver's License. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 16, a resident on the 800 block of Adams Street reported that he had been robbed at gunpoint on the corner

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near Adams Street and the corner of the 800 block of Adams Street. He described a black male, 17 to 18 years old, wearing a silver-colored jacket, pulled over his head. The last seen departing from the corner of Adams Street and was gone when officers arrived. Police are investigating.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Aug. 16, Albany officers responded to a call on the 5th block of Buchanan Avenue on reports of a man who was getting into a car to leave. Officers arrived and found that one of the year-old Oakland man standing Oakland man in the amount of arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. The 21-year-old Oakland man found to have extensive history in California, but no warrants. He was not cited.

■ On the morning of Aug. 16, Albany officers reported that night thieves stole from her car. There were no witnesses.

■ During the period of the 1999 Festival, Albany officers responded to 19 false alarms to nine lost or deceased assisted nine people who out of their houses responded to four reports of dogs. In the domestic violence, responded to one domestic one standby, 30 reports of disturbances and 143 citations. Albany officers stopped issuing 40 citations and Albany firefighters responded to 14 medical

A world of variety at home at Ashby BART

By James Carter

Every trip can be a journey for those with a yearning to explore.

All one needs is an open mind and the time it takes to go wherever a path leads.

A trip to the Berkeley Flea Market can be such a journey. Portals there lead to jazz performances in subterranean clubs, across the cultural vastness of Africa, and through a collection of Americana as simple and ingenious as a spinning wheel.

And if you have a few bucks, you can take some things home.

Established 27 years ago in the dirt that became the north corner of the Ashby BART station parking lot, the Berkeley Flea Market has been officially in business for 25 years, open every Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

And like just about every other creation by the people of Berkeley, in the '80s it took a political battle to save it from oblivion.

But such problems are things of the past. At least General Manager Charisse Cronland thinks so. Though rumors still circulate that some view the property as the perfect place for one thing or another, Cronland said that's not going to happen. At least not on her shift.

A place for all seasons

On a warm summer afternoon, or even during the winter rains, the weekend gathering has the feeling of a fair, conga drums beating with the heart of a lion.

Yet the flea market is also the kind of place where a tool table can be as impressive as a display from

the Smithsonian Museum. Wrenches and tools from basements and old, dark garages bear testimony to a time when things were built to last.

Check them out now because in 20 years — or less — each will be worth its weight in gold.

One can try on a hundred different pairs of shoes, all as comfortable as walking barefoot in the sand. From wing tips to penny loafers, sandals to Birkenstocks, athletic shoes that glow in the dark and even an occasional set of wooden ones, all have traveled many miles just to be there.

There are handmade purses and wicker baskets, soap that smells so good you want to eat it, bead bracelets and Mayan cloth, designs with Celtic knots, African carvings, tie-dyed shirts and magic carpets from Afghanistan.

One can also buy vegetables from organic farmers, or choose from an international array of finger foods.

People to meet

John Hopkins is the manager of the flea market. He has worked there for 12 years and truly loves his job.

Hopkins has so many fond memories of weekends at the market that it is as difficult for him to remember one as it is for a musician to name a favorite song.

"One of the most enlightening things I've seen was this nice Caucasian lady who'd come out here every weekend. She'd get a lot of food and sit down at the end over there."

"One day she stopped me and we started talking. She said 'You know, this is the most interesting place I've

ever seen in my life."

Hopkins grinned and shook his head.

"She said 'I'm not buying anything. I just like to come out and sit down and look because there's something new happening every minute.'"

Hopkins said the woman was on a four-week vacation from Chicago. "She came by every weekend just to sit down and watch."

The Book Dude

David Wexler — The Book Dude — stood beneath a canopy wearing a varnished Asian peasant hat as he answered questions from customers. He's been selling books at the flea market "off and on" for eight years.

What makes Wexler's booth different from other used book stands is that he has carefully organized every volume by category and author. An avid reader with a college degree, Wexler sells a broad range of books ranging from James Baldwin to Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Amy Tan to Toni Morrison, and other contemporary writers as well.

Wexler makes a living selling books, though he's not really in it for the money. He has other reasons for spending his weekends at the market.

"It's so much fun because there's a great crowd here and there are so many very interesting people," he said. "Just the diversity of the customers, and the fact that I sell books draws an interesting group of people to the stand."

For more information call: 644-0744, or visit the Berkeley Flea Market web site at: www.Berkeflea.com

Car dolly stolen from garage

EL CERRITO — During the early morning of Aug. 3, a thief stole a \$1,200 car dolly parked in a garage on the 2000 block of Harper Street.

■ Just before midnight Aug. 5, a crook climbed into an unlocked car on the 1400 block of Arlington Boulevard and ripped off a briefcase and several files.

■ A 63-year-old woman uncovered a hidden video camera set up in her bedroom Aug. 5. Angered by the discovery, she confronted a 29-year old man who shared her two-bedroom apartment, who calmly replied, "guess I'm busted." He was arrested for disorderly conduct.

■ Sometime between Aug. 6 and 7, a burglar broke through a bedroom window on the 1200 block of

Everett Street and ripped off a laptop computer and jewelry valued at over \$8,000.

■ Police nabbed two San Diego women, ages 18 and 23, while they were practicing their profession Aug. 7. The young prostitutes, who lived in neighboring apartments on San Pablo Avenue, were told to move.

■ Sometime during the late night, early morning of Aug. 8 or 9, a skulking thief entered a garage on the 900 block of Everett Street. Undetected, the voracious villain prowled about in a deep freeze, sacked \$800 of meat and fish, and scampered away into the night.

■ A crook snatched a brass frog perched atop a mailbox on the 2500 block of Tulare Avenue Aug. 8 or 9.

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■ Early in the morning a sticky-fingered thief from a cash drawer, a Chevron on San Pablo Avenue.

■ On Friday, Aug. 13, a 40-year-old female, apparently the object of her classmate's affection, went for a walk with her mother, a 60-year-old woman her age, and a 19-year-old woman her age, all three of whom were in the area of a 1994 Toyota Camry, owned by the parent company, and caused damages. She was arrested for vandalism.

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Even at 88, Freudenthal still battles for justice'

Former Berkeley teacher, 1934 Cal grad, always ready to answer the call

By James Carter

Dan Freudenthal played basketball every week until 1992, when he reluctantly decided to leave the game. He was 82 years old.

Freudenthal was never in the NBA, nor even a professional athlete. In fact, in his own words, he was always "kinda clumsy."

During his long amateur career shooting hoops, Freudenthal could not penetrate the inside, nor could he slam dunk. Yet despite poor vision, he had a pretty good outside shot.

New approaching his 88th year, Freudenthal has always shot from the outside, even during a long and distinguished career.

A proud bona fide Liberal, Freudenthal earned such credentials being one-on-one with the sycophants of J. Edgar Hoover and Joseph McCarthy.

Back in the 1950s, Freudenthal was just the type of man such guardians of the realm considered potential traitors: a federal employee, an intellectual and Jewish.

To add to their paranoia, Freudenthal was a student of Herald Laski, a famous British professor strongly associated with the left-leaning Human Society.

As a youth, Freudenthal and his wife, Eva, even had a brief time in an apartment building where communists were rumored to lurk in the dark.

That coincidence would later haunt them.

Still, Freudenthal wasn't a Red, but much they knew. But he was not McCarthy and Hoover considered the worst thing: a bleed-heart Liberal pinko.

Yet in the future, Freudenthal was more in common with Barry Goldwater than Henry Wallace, as was his background was considered.

Freudenthal's father Morris moved to the U.S. from Germany in 1900 to escape pogroms and military service. Before leaving Germany, he lived in an area called a "stetli," which, according to Freudenthal, has sometimes Polish and sometimes German.

There were three brothers. One became a famous throat specialist for the Metropolitan Opera, and the other two peddlers, much like Barry Goldwater's father.

"My father traveled the mountains out West with a donkey, a wagon, and different goods," Freudenthal said. "It was an area where Native Americans lived, called a colorosa."

"Once he got lost in those mountains for three days without food or water. The Native Americans found

to their only child, Dan.

By arrangement, Freudenthal's father worked year-round in New Mexico, though his mother returned to San Francisco every summer to escape the scorching Southwestern heat.

As a child, Freudenthal spent most of the year in New Mexico. By the time he was 6 years old, he was already working for his father. He took care of the hotel office, walked the daily receipts to the bank, and, on the weekends when there were no chambermaids, cleaned hotel rooms.

In 1924, his father died in his arms, stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage.

"I found him in the bathroom," Freudenthal said. "He was going out to a meeting, called me and just died."

When he was 9, Freudenthal and his mother moved to San Francisco.

An astute businesswoman, his mother "made some good investments," including some that landed the family large parcels of land in Oakland, Freudenthal said.

"But she mourned my father for the rest of her life."

Though he loved his mother dearly, being an only child took a toll on Freudenthal. He felt stifled by his mother and moved to Berkeley, where he attended UC-Berkeley, making the commute home on the weekends long before construction of the Bay Bridge.

He quickly settled in the International House in Berkeley, one of the first group of students to live there. In 1934, in the midst of The Great Depression, Freudenthal graduated from college.

Freudenthal later attended Columbia Law School for a time, where the competition between students was so fierce that individuals often removed pages from library books assigned to the entire class.

"I had other interests," the El Cerrito resident said. "I was into the politics of international laws that impact real lives."

While in New York, he met Eva Swartz, a student of sociology who nine years later would become his bride.

Freudenthal detested what he called "academic hazing," at Co-

lumbia Law School, a ruthless badgering of students by professors. He became a student leader, chairman of the student council.

During his stay in New York, Freudenthal worked in the student cafeteria, where he organized the employees into a union.

Shortly after marrying Eva, Freudenthal got the first of many government jobs, many of which were important positions related to the military and the Atomic Energy Commission.

He was eventually driven from such government posts, though he made a deal with government officials that assured him of good references while pacifying a number of zealots.

In 1948, in an effort to establish residence in the Bay Area, Freudenthal moved back to San Francisco where he spent a year with his mother, commuting back and forth from the East Bay. Eva joined him in 1949, and they soon bought a home in El Cerrito, where they have lived ever since.

Freudenthal worked for the U.C. Bureau of Public Education until 1949, when he went to work for Berkeley Unified School District until his retirement in 1976.

During his tenure in Berkeley, Freudenthal supported the Congress of Racial Equality and other groups committed to desegregating Berkeley's schools.

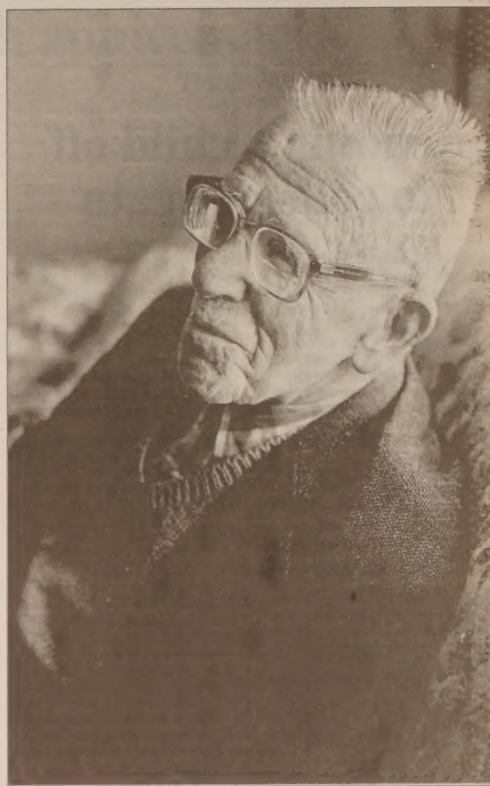
The first day Berkeley schools were integrated, Freudenthal celebrated by riding on a school bus.

He later wrote a long, detailed study called "Desegregation/Resegregation," a tract still used by educators in Berkeley.

Since retirement, Freudenthal has continued to take outside shots at injustice. He is the author of an unrelenting stream of letters and commentaries, most aimed at government officials and policy makers.

Letters to the editor penned by Freudenthal often appear in this newspaper.

A long-standing member of the California Senior Legislator, Freudenthal has added to his repertoire, combining a deadly outside shot with an ability to penetrate the inside from



JOANNA JHONDA

DAN FREUDENTHAL, who turns 88 on Sept. 1, continues in his role as a community activist.

the lane.

Freudenthal also serves on the city of El Cerrito and the Contra Costa County Advisory Councils on Aging, is a frequent speaker at City Council meetings, and, to his opponents at least, is an exasperating opponent not unlike Michael Jordan.

Deeply saddened by the recent loss of his wife, a committed social

activist in her own right, Freudenthal believes Eva would want him to continue what he considers his "battle for justice."

And though time is slowly taking its toll and often sends Freudenthal to the courtside bench, when his number is called he is always ready to play.

Local educators in round-table discussion with U.S. education secretary

By James Carter

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley warned Tuesday that the Republican-led Congress succumb to its election-year efforts to raise taxes, public school districts could be devastated.

The damage would be catastrophic in areas already hard-hit by budget cuts and overwhelmed teachers, Riley opined.

However, Riley said if the GOP budget proposal reached President Clinton's desk, it would be rejected.

When asked what would happen if the veto was overcome, Riley said the allocated for education, health and labor "would be cut by 18 percent."

Visiting the East Bay at the invitation of Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Riley met with educators, elected officials and parents for a round-table discussion.

The meeting, held at Malcolm X School in Berkeley, included representatives from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Emeryville and Albany.

Despite concerns about what he called "the reckless tax proposal" by Republican leaders, Riley was optimistic about the future of education in this country.

He praised what he called a growing national consensus on the importance of public instruction.

Riley also singled out Lee's Congressional efforts, describing the 9th district Democrat as a "persistent and unrelenting advocate" for children and public schools.

Stressing the significance of several recent federal initiatives, Riley pointed with pride to new programs such as Gear Up — \$120 million in grants aimed at providing help for more than 200,000 disadvantaged school children.

Locally the program will provide

funding to organizations such as Oakland's I Have A Dream Foundation, the Peralta Community College District, and Oakland schools.

Lee used the occasion to promote her most recent Congressional foray, a proposal that would provide public schools with funding for 100,000 new counselors, 21,000 school psychologists and 20,000 social workers.

Called the "Let Teachers Teach and Bring Counselors into the Public Schools Act of 1999," Riley said Lee's proposal is especially important now when many children "are crying out for help."

After Riley's presentation, local educators raised a broad range of issues in a one-hour question-and-answer period.

However, there was little time to discuss any concern in depth.

During a press conference following the meeting, Riley and Lee were asked how equity between school districts could ever

be achieved when schools are largely funded by their local tax base.

"The school-funding issue, as the courts have said, is a state issue," Riley said. "So we in the federal government legally can't get involved in that."

"What we do on the federal level, though, is certainly target disadvantaged students."

"Here in California, we have a unique problem with Proposition 13," Lee said.

The Congresswoman said until there is "the political will to address Proposition 13," districts and states will have little choice but to "move forward, as the secretary has indicated, with additional federal resources to assist low performance schools."

Proposition 13 is the 1970 Jarvis-Gann state initiative overwhelmingly passed by voters, which cut business property taxes and those of certain homeowners.

Newly elected Berkeley Federation of Teachers President Barry Fike later said, "Secretary Riley talked about the need for teacher recruitment, and we're really starting to feel the effects of a severe teacher shortage."

"The secretary said about 2 million new teachers are going to be needed within the next 10 years," Fike said.

"Currently, 30 percent of those teachers are leaving the field after just three years. You do the math and you see it's definitely a crisis situation."

Fike said districts need to be

able to compete with "professional pay and professional working conditions" if they really want to attract the best and the brightest.

"What happened when Chrysler was in a state of crisis?" Fike said. "The government came in and provided some pretty major funding to bail them out."

"It's going to take a pretty major shift of funding at the federal level to really address the crisis we face," he said.

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Sending a child off to college, again

This is the second year that I'm getting ready to take my daughter to college for the first time. And it doesn't feel any easier this time than last.

For those of you who are not as involved with my life as I am, here is how this came about. Morgan graduated from high school a year ago and was all set to go to college in Massachusetts. Then, a week before departure, she said the damndest thing.

"I think I want to defer college for a year," she said.

This came as quite a surprise since Morgan has been ready to leave home since she was 12. But it had nothing to do with readiness. It was about horseback riding. Morgan wanted to spend a year doing nothing but shoveling out stalls, picking dirt out of hoofs, brushing and currying, bridling and saddling, and riding horses.

Being the good, understanding and supportive parents that we are — and knowing that we had no control over the situation — we said OK, provided that: 1) the school refunded the tuition we had already paid; and 2) it agreed to let her come next year.

The school said "yes" and "yes," and now it's next year. Reservations are made. Boxes have been shipped. Suitcases are packed. And I'm miserable.

Foolishly I thought last year's false start would make it easier, maybe even a relief to see her go this year. And the extra year felt like a reprieve, an opportunity to impart all kinds of advice about life to Morgan that I may have neglected to give her during the previous 18 years.

I miscalculated. Of all the things I feel about Morgan's impending departure, relief isn't one of them. I'm also way behind on the advice front.

"Morgan," I said the other day. "One thing you really have to be careful about during the winter..."

"I know, don't walk on any frozen lakes," she interrupted.

Frozen lakes are a concern of mine — thin ice, frigid water, saturated clothing, hypothermia and the inevitable — death. This kind of hazard is second nature to those of us who were raised in winter climates. But California kids don't know about the dangers lurking beneath the innocent looking snow.

It was good to see that Morgan remembered the frozen lake lesson. But it wasn't the one I was thinking about this time.

"Actually, what I was going to say is, if you're driving and go into a skid..."

"Mom," Morgan said. "I won't be driving. I won't have a car."

"I know but you may know someone who has a car," I said. "If you go into a skid, turn into it and don't press on the brake. And always drive slowly. And watch out for other drivers. And..."

"How about if I just stay indoors between November and March?"

"That reminds me, always keep a window open a crack. If you've got a gas heater and the pilot light goes out, you can get carbon monoxide poisoning. Every winter someone dies because..."

"Mom. Don't worry, I'll be fine."

How can she be fine? There's still so much to know about life that I haven't told her yet. Not just winter stuff but other things like don't eat tuna fish if it hasn't been refrigerated and club soda gets out most stains and don't use water to clean a flour sifter.

Does she know to deduct the bank's service charges when she balances her checking account? And what about rayon? Does she know that, no matter what the label says, you should never wash it? That it always looks better if you have it dry-cleaned?

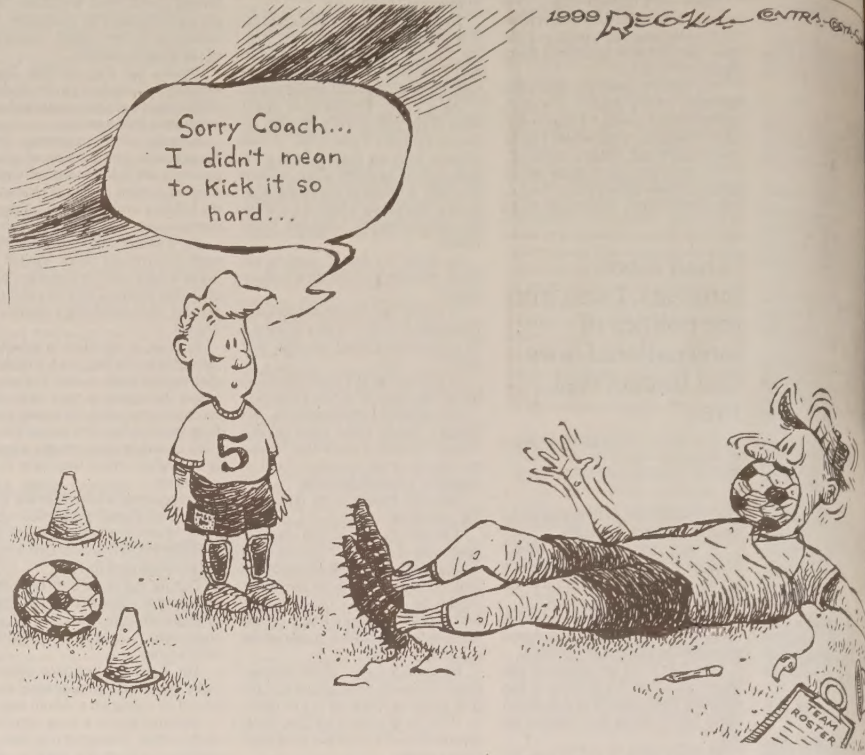
"What do you mean you'll be fine," I said. "You don't even know how to make pancakes."

"That's right," she said. "But I know who to call to get a recipe. And if I need to know something else I'll call and ask."

Someone told me that when you first have children you're a full-time manager. Then, if you do your job really well, they fire you. Eventually, if you're lucky, you get hired back as a consultant.

"That's right, you can call," I said. "But don't call collect. It's cheaper to use your telephone credit card. You can even do that from a pay phone. All you do is dial 0 then the area code..."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appearance of new village is appalling

The residents of Albany, especially those of us on Albany hill, are appalled at the appearance of the UC Village construction and the complete disregard for the pride we take in our community. The hideous, low-cost exteriors we will be viewing for the next 50 years in Albany would never have been considered in Berkeley or near UCSF.

The old Village, as dilapidated as it was, was invisible from Buchanan or from above on the Hill due to the large trees and the space between buildings. Now, they have skyrocketed from a two-story flat roof design to three-story with a non-functional 8-foot attic. They tower over the new Ocean View School with bedrooms peering into the playground.

The low-cost townhouses have been packed like sardines onto the property line. This will be the most dominant architectural feature of our city! Meanwhile, UC has spent most of its construction dollars on the interiors while refusing to plant large trees to soften the elevations or accommodate the concerns of Albany.

Dozens of 50-year-old Acacia trees which once offered shade and concealed the Village have been summarily dispatched. They are being replaced with the smallest, cheapest nursery trees, taking 20-30 years to mature. The trees planted so far are not evergreen and will annually lose their foliage, again revealing the stark appearance of the north elevation.

Albany supports affordable housing and accommodates Village residents in our schools. UC is giving us the cheapest type of redevelopment they can and it will be a permanent eyesore. Similar developments which I work on in East Oakland for HUD do much more to integrate with the community than UC has here.

With pressure, UC might agree to planting larger evergreen trees, changing some of the bright colors and constructing a visual barrier to Ocean View. But Phase I is almost complete and Albany must act now. Please call UC Planning, Design and Construction ASAP at 643-5028 to tell them this is important to Albany. Do it before it is too late and we get stuck with a horrible 21st century ghetto.

Peter Hobart
Albany

Stop senseless giveaways of our tax dollars

J.R. Deaton did his usual fine job in his article in the Aug. 19 Journal where he described the problems surrounding a proposed parking garage near the Plaza BART station. There was one item in the article which especially caught my eye.

In the telling of the desire of Plaza owners to use Measure C funds for a garage in the northeast corner of their property, Jane Bartke is quoted as saying that those plans "had problems because they entailed using public funds for private development" and "public funds cannot provide the subsidy for private."

This struck me as odd because for the past 22 years, the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency

has been doing precisely that. The major examples are the Target store, the Del Norte Plaza apartments, and the newest development at Del Norte Plaza. Each of these instances has resulted in large giveaways of our property taxes to these private ventures, giveaways that will continue as the RDA must continue to pay off the bonds it issued to do them.

Not only that, the RDA used city staff time for which it incurred still more debt, debt which can only be met by placing the Agency in hiatus until it pays it, as recommended by the Committee for the 21st Century and adopted by the council.

If El Cerrito was the only victim of this behavior, it would just be sad. That almost every other community uses redevelopment to subsidize private ventures, it approaches the catastrophic. All public services are hurt by this, including our schools and our libraries.

We now face other levies in attempts to make up the shortfalls. Though the effect of Proposition 13 is at least as profound, a step in the right direction would be to stop these senseless giveaways of our tax dollars.

George Amberg
El Cerrito

More to say about Plaza BART parking garage

More comments on your otherwise excellent report about the Plaza BART parking garage, (Journal, Aug. 19).

Our "general planners", i.e. City Hall, consultants and planning commissioners, failed to account for the only substantial amount of public investment money we have available.

This, in spite of multiple attempts to get them to produce a comprehensive plan for our two transit hubs. Now that the General Plan money is spent, they are suddenly concerned that Plaza construction will force 500 parked commuter cars off the premises.

We had a chance to use our taxes to provide both parking and an attractive connection between BART station and Plaza shops, above Fairmount Avenue. That's gone. We may be largely subsidizing closeby residents so they don't have to walk a few extra blocks. Even our neighbors from Albany would probably have preferred a more viable design of what is their shopping center as much as ours.

The 1997 Memorandum of Understanding between city and the Transit Authority clearly specified that funds may be used for land acquisition.

Also, the Measure C bond measure authorized "annual reviews and possible amendments to the Expenditure Plan, taking into account unforeseen circumstances." Yet the only "\$6 million pot of gold" we have is likely to be spent, based solely on some pretty fuzzy thinking done more than 10 years ago. That is dumb!

Chalk up one more failure for El Cerrito planning. The traffic numbers projected in the new General Plan are pure fantasy. City Hall wants nothing to stand in the way of increased housing density along San Pablo Avenue. Also, it risks losing (other) Measure C funds we need for street maintenance if projected growth produces unacceptable Levels-of-service on our intersections. That's what drives

the Plan.

The consultants fudged. As of now they finally admit that the expected 10 percent annual growth in 1-80 corridor could overwhelm San Pablo Avenue. But they go on to argue that traffic will be so people will switch to transit or whatever, therefore their original low projections hold. They ignore the fact that a 20 percent growth in freeway traffic (in 20 years) need several San Pablo Avenues to accommodate it.

The consultants did not consider the structures and dollar costs of substantially increased bus and pedestrian circulation. BART. They seem incapable of recognizing that a very busy street is just not the place for residences.

That it makes more sense to plan along the avenue, so we could provide jobs in, rather than have commuters stuck in traffic trying to get elsewhere. That a plan geared to preserving the quality-of-life of flatland residential neighborhoods with an infection of lowered property values will quickly spread uphill.

In a nutshell: Planning in El Cerrito whether general or site specific, must not account for San Pablo Avenue growth and for circulation at our BART stations. Else it isn't worth a damn. Don't let a shoddy General Plan projections, not a Plaza garage without proper analysis.

Let's not waste our money on slogan ideology-driven hogwash! Let's make it work!

It is the buildings that kill people

The awful disaster in Turkey recalls the statement of a seismic expert in 1989 incident here. He said, "Earthquakes kill people. Buildings kill people." Being we are, we all need to take heed.

George
El Cerrito

Berkeley must remain bike friendly

I was disgusted when I read the report of the inappropriate police treatment of a person attempting to peacefully ride across a street.

I live in Chicago, but over the years I have enjoyed many visits to Berkeley in the business and pleasure. I would hope that officers involved are reprimanded, that Berkeley continues to make itself bike friendly by encourage cycling, and walking, and that charges against cyclists are dropped.

Biking is fast, clean, fun, healthy, and friendly Berkeley is good for everyone.

Mark
Oakland

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Attorney represents CRG, but is not a member

I wish to correct one statement that appeared in "The Journal" article this week and to give some background on another.

I am proud to have acted as legal counsel to the persons who organized CRG and to have devoted a substantial part of my professional time for almost five years in the pursuit, as an attorney for CRG, of its claims against the city of Albany and Ladbroke.

But I am not a member, officer or director of CRG, nor have I ever been.

The distinction is an important one — to the members, officers and directors of CRG who have made their own decisions about CRG's affairs, including its decision to pursue its lawsuit against the city and Ladbroke.

It is also important to me as an attorney who has endeavored at all times to fulfill my duties to CRG in a professional manner.

By way of background on the CRG case itself, it was the Court of Appeal, not I, who first used the term "egregious" to describe the city's conduct.

The court also did much more than return the case to the trial court for further consideration. It held squarely that the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act when it stated: "By failing to conduct any environmental review (before

placing the development agreement before voters), the city did not 'proceed in a manner required by law.'"

Concerning the Gaming Registration Act claim, the court stated: "We reach at length the relevant question: did the ballot language for Measure F substantially comply with the statutory form prescribed by Business and Professions Code section 19819? We hold that it did not."

We attach minor importance to the fact the measure was combined with a package of other related measures.

Our holding is based rather on the inclusion of language, overtly favoring a partisan position, which implicated interests protected by the constitutional guarantee of equal protection and freedom of expression.

The use of the ballot form to favor a particular side in the election directly conflicts with the legislative intent to submit the measure to the voters in a concise and neutral manner.

In the present case, the use of partisan language was a sufficiently egregious deviation from the prescribed form to fall outside the limits of substantial compliance.

Thanks for your continuing interest in this important matter.

Bob Outis

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Silver is the theme as Solano Stroll celebrates 25th anniversary

By James Carter

Captain Long John Silver, grand marshal of this year's Silver Anniversary Solano Stroll, tried to steal the show and Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean during the kickoff for the extravaganza on Aug. 19.

Sponsored by Solano Avenue Merchants Bank and a host of generous local merchants and organizations, the course of events at the kickoff took many by surprise.

Fortified by his reclaimed fame — and perhaps a tiny bit of the grog — the infamous pirate attempted to convince Dean to join him as his wife in the 25th annual parade and faire.

Dean was momentarily caught off guard by the invitation, though she is accustomed to eccentric requests. But she quickly regained her composure and, with a whimsical smile, denied the buccaneer's petition.

Despite the revelry of the Solano

Stroll, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 12, Dean's plans did not fit well with those of Long John Silver. The pirate pictured Dean playing his quarrelsome wife, chasing him down Solano Avenue during the parade, issuing taunts and threatening him with a rolling pin all the way.

It would have been a "bold political move," Long John later said, though the mayor politely disagreed.

As Long John Silver underwent a miraculous conversion, declaring he would "debunk the macho man stereotype of a pirate," Madame Ovary, a self-declared a purveyor of "eggcotent" toys and jokes, set her sights on yet another local official.

Albany's City Administrator Daren Fields appeared innocent enough by her standards, outfitted in a conservative blue suit. So Madame Ovary quickly conceived her plan, one she hoped would leave Fields with egg on his face.

With a fiendish plot stewed in de-

bauchery and scandal, the wily Madame Ovary produced a wizardry weapon — a four-legged creature of oak and delight which promptly leaped upon Field's straight and narrow back.

Yet Field proved that city administrators are not tense, nor are they rigid — at least not at celebrations of this sort. Arching his back in joy and willing surrender, Fields acquiesced to what proved to be a masterful massage.

"I like back rubs," Fields said with a smile and a wink. And he actually seemed to enjoy Madame Ovary's expedition, though it was quick-lived as she soon turned her attention to other prey.

Later that evening was a contest to determine who could create art from square slices of aluminum foil. As stroll organizer Lisa Bullwinkel watched the not-so heavy metal act, contenders one by one displayed their creations, sensitive to public reaction.

Celebrating the stroll's silver anniversary, Allen Cain, vice president of the Solano Avenue Association, asked the teetering masses to vote for each offered work of art. A prize was offered to the winner, though there was little chance to compare before the balloting began.

It was a brilliant display of improvisational art by Cain, a contest decided much like presidential primaries, tournaments that also frequently feature pirates and buccaneers backed by large treasure chests of silver and gold.

This year, prizes will be awarded to those who win a variety of contests planned, all based upon the silver theme.

Volunteers are still needed for this year's Solano Stroll, including block captains, parade monitors and poster distributors.

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Council

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affordable housing and help the city meet its "fair share" requirements for such units.

The section of Codornices Creek closest to Kains Avenue currently is an open concrete channel maintained by the city of Berkeley, according to Chaney.

Members of the council asked if city residents will have access to the Berkeley portion of the creek. Fields said they would.

The council eventually approved the motion 3-1, Councilman Bob Good voting no, member Ed McManus excused from the meeting. Good explained his no vote, stating he opposes the use of public funds for housing.

Traffic jam

Following a lengthy and often per-
plexing discussion regarding a request
the Traffic & Safety Commission

to revise the process for determining the location of stop signs, the council agreed to send the item back to the commission for further discussion.

However, it was not clear why the council voted to send the matter back until after the vote.

Early on in the discussions, Good suggested the item be "sent down" after his discovery of an apparent error in a report prepared for the council by the commission and city staff.

The error concerned definitions of what are called "warrants" — criteria used by the commission to help determine if a stop sign should or should not be recommended at a specific location.

Though the report contained a number of such criteria, each with a different basis, Good zeroed in on one called "engineering judgment," a list of variable conditions that might affect a decision to recommend a new stop sign.

The staff report clearly stated that "engineering judgment" does not qualify as one of two criteria needed to recommend the installation of new signs, though members of the com-

mission argued that they meant such a criteria should be considered, under certain conditions.

Resident Rhoda Bennett voiced a number of objections about the language used in a report prepared by Fehr & Peers Associates Inc., transportation consultants. She also decried references in the five-page report which referred to specific locations.

Fields said such items were included "for example only," and were not actual recommendations. The city administrator said specific issues would be debated by the council and community further down the road when the Traffic Commission presents its recommendations.

Merchant Ray Anderson said the Chamber of Commerce was promised it would be alerted before any discussions by the commission affecting the Solano Avenue area, a promise he said was broken.

Fields conceded the chamber had not been informed about all meetings of the commission. Mayor Peggy Thomsen asserted that was her understanding of why the council voted to send the item back to the com-

mission in the first place.

Cable transfer

Earlier, the council voted to meet in closed executive session to discuss the transfer of local cable TV ownership from Century Communications to Adelphia Communications Corporation.

Though on the surface the matter may appear to be just a technicality, it may have practical and financial implications for the former Century, Adelphia, and local users of cable TV.

Bulb update

Assistant City Administrator Ann Ritzma presented the final report of the evening, an update on activity on the landfill. Ritzma said "we have been working" with the two remaining individuals still camped out on the Bulb. She said the East Bay Regional and Parks Department "is encouraging" an additional five people to leave the plateau.

The plateau is an area directly north of Golden Gate Fields formerly owned by Catellus Land Development Corporation. It was recently

purchased by EBRPD.

Councilman Allan Maris praised Ritzma for her work. He said while on vacation, he listened to a local radio station broadcast still audible though he was a great distance from Albany. With a confident smile, Maris said someone at the station discussed "how well we have been doing" in efforts to deal with those living on the Bulb. Others agreed and heaped praise on Ritzma.

Chief

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tails of the matter. "That's a personnel matter, and that's between he and me," he said. Pokorny declined to say when he asked for Feller's resignation.

When Fellers joined El Cerrito in October 1996, she indicated she would probably not finish her career in the city, Pokorny said.

"She has been fairly mobile in police work," he said.

Three years ago, Fellers, then a 42-year-old police captain in Campbell, was named one of only two female police chiefs in the Bay Area.

While in El Cerrito, she earned praise for boosting community policing, beefing up police bicycle patrols along the Ohlone Greenway and making the department more accessible.

Fellers established the police substation at the El Cerrito Plaza, supported neighborhood events such as National Night Out and helped reestablish a police Explorer post in the department.

"I truly loved the opportunity to serve the community of El Cerrito," said Fellers, who lives in Pleasanton.

Pokorny said Fellers had been creative in dealing with limited department resources in the wake of city budget woes. Two long-vacant patrol

Future council meetings

Mayor Thomsen announced that due to Labor Day and Yom Kippur, the next two regularly scheduled council meetings will be held on Tuesdays — Sept. 7 and 21. Council meetings begin at 8 p.m.

Thomsen also announced a joint City Council/Planning Commission workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

positions were restored last year.

Fellers also introduced 12-hour work shifts that enabled officers to cover a regular beat more consistently, he said, and she built new relationships with police agencies in neighboring cities.

Pokorny said it may take until February or March to find a suitable replacement. He will appoint an interim chief before Sept. 1.

Fellers said she has "several irons in the fire" for other jobs in law enforcement, but would not be more specific.

Fellers graduated from University of the Pacific with a degree in music therapy and became a police reserve officer after graduation. She began her career at the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, where her husband, Bill Fellers, works. She worked 14 years there before working in the city of Campbell for six years, where she was a police captain.

"Some people in the community are very upset," Councilman Damon said about Fellers' resignation.

He said Fellers had made "steady improvement" during her tenure as El Cerrito's top cop and had won over people in the police department "who had doubts in the beginning" about a female chief of police.

Journal staff writer J.R. Deaton contributed to this story.

Creek

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vegetation from the creek and plant native plant species along the creek berm and creek banks.

Other environmental mitigation measures required by the panel included removal of a fence that blocked a public access trail, construction of a one-foot berm no

more than 16 feet from the top of the creek bank and installation of storm drain filters to filter runoff. Additionally, fencing and landscaping south of the berm are mandated and only new (non-oil leaking) vehicles may be stored at the site.

The site in question is the area currently being used for vehicle storage located between Bissell Avenue and the BART tracks on the west side of San Pablo Avenue. It is just south of the Taco Bell and just south of Angelo's Poultry and Delicatessen. Councilman Butt, who attended last week's Environmental Assessment Panel meeting, said allowing the storage of vehicles at the site is a complex matter.

"There are so many questions about this property," Butt said. "I

think that the simplified remarks that are contained in the negative (declaration) just don't really do justice to the proper mitigations for this site," he added.

The assessment panel approved what is called the "final negative declaration" for a conditional use permit, which states that after mitigations, the storage of cars at the site "will not have a significant effect on the environment."

"It's well established that this is a natural waterway of some importance, of some historical interest in Richmond," Butt said at the meeting. He also argued that the owners were acting in "bad faith."

In a letter last month to Nancy Kaufman, acting planning manager for the city of Richmond and chairwoman of the Environmental Assessment Panel, Butt contended the site was "illegally developed with fencing and gravel pavement." He also wrote "the application is essentially an attempt to legalize an existing violation," and that open space and conservation goals in the city's General Plan "have been neither cited nor discussed."

"I think it's extremely bad faith to come in with a piece of property that's got multiple violations on it,

and then ask the city to approve something that doesn't really address all the problems in the first place," Butt told the assessment panel last week.

"I don't see that we are treating this project differently or specially than any other project in the city," Kaufman said at the meeting. "There are other sites in the city, other projects in the city, where people have moved in without the proper permits and the city has held back on enforcing the permits as long as they have an active application on file," Kaufman said.

"This also applies to properties and projects that Mr. Butt himself had been in favor of going in eventually," Kaufman added.

Some of what Friends of Baxter Creek wanted, including installation of a filtration system and prohibition of non-native plants in the area, were imposed on the owners and the applicant by the panel.

Other requests from the local creek-preservation group, however, were not mandated. Friends of Baxter Creek had requested the north side berm be extended around the entire lot; that a minimum 30-foot development setback from the top of the creek's banks be required, and

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Movement against genetic crop engineering emerges

Militant ecologists out to prevent the spread of 'biohazards'

By James Carter

An incident at the Gill Tract last month appears to have roots in an international effort by militant ecologists to prevent the spread of what they call "biohazards."

The Gill Tract is an open field bordered by Buchanan and Jackson streets and San Pablo Avenue in Albany. Less than a block from Berkeley, it sits just south of University Village. It is owned by the University of California and managed by the College of Natural Resources.

According to Marie Felde, a University of California spokeswoman, 10 rows of corn were destroyed there July 17. Days later, a man who identified himself as "Captain Swing" called the Daily Californian and claimed responsibility for the damage.

Swing said he belonged to an organization called "California Croppers," according to the piece.

A flourishing movement

A growing number of organizations in the United States, Europe, and India have used similar tactics to destroy what they consider "biohazards."

According to a July 28 press release from a group calling itself "LodiLopper Cropistas," genetically engineered crops were destroyed during two separate overnight raids in the San Joaquin Valley last month.

"Round Up, manufactured by Monsanto, is the largest selling herbicide in the world," the press release read. "Now Monsanto has genetically engineered crops such as corn, cotton, and soy beans to be resistant to huge amounts of this deadly chemical."

Cropistas claim that farmers are told by manufacturers they will only have to spray their crops with herbicides once a year. "But research shows that they are needing to spray three and four times a year," the underground group claims.

The Cropistas also oppose the use of other genetically engineered plants, including those that contain pesticides that they say also pose dangerous risks to the health of the planet and its ecosystems.

However, their press release cited no studies to back up their claims.

The University of California and the College of Natural Resources have declined to discuss such issues with this newspaper. Instead they refer our reporters to a media spokeswoman who says she knows little about the controversy.

Efforts to contact Monsanto were unsuccessful.

Mounting media coverage

Front page stories reveal similar actions as those committed at the Gill Tract occurring on an almost daily basis across Europe.

On July 27, Lord Peter Melchett, a member of Greenpeace, was arrested for participating in a raid on

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— Cropistas' claim in a press release

a field of genetically engineered corn in Norfolk, England.

Melchett is a former Labor minister.

Similar actions have destroyed fields of corn and other crops in France, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

Responding in part to public pressure, the European Union temporarily curbed the import of all genetically engineered products across the continent.

In India, an organization of farmers and activists is also reported to have attacked and even burned factories owned by companies that produce transgenic seeds and plants.

By comparison, the recent destruction of corn growing at the Gill Tract was relatively small in scope, if it was, in fact, a group action.

According to a reliable source, there may be a split within the underground group locally. Though such reports cannot be confirmed, an individual — who chooses to re-

This story is being re-run in its entirety this week since the continuation of last week's front page story failed to appear inside the Journal.

By James Carter

ALBANY — The stakes have gone up in a battle between the U.C. Department of Plant and Microbial Biology and "Captain Swing," an underground radical environmentalist who threatens to "decontaminate" corn planted on the Gill Tract in Albany.

The DPMB is offering a \$10,000 award "for information leading to an arrest and conviction of anyone vandalizing" what they call "our harmless corn."

The sizable bounty is apparently an answer to recent threats made by "Captain Swing," a man who recently took credit for the July 19 de-

struction of 10 rows of corn at the Gill Tract.

Swing recently threatened to "decontaminate" the rest of the Gill Tract, claiming genetically engineered corn is planted there.

Blue flyers announcing the \$10,000 bounty were posted last weekend on the cyclone fence that surrounds the Gill Tract. Individuals who spot the destruction of plants at the field are urged to call the police. To collect a reward, they are advised to call the Department of Plant and Microbial Biology.

According to a woman who answered the phone at the DPMB, Professor Mike Freeling offered the large reward. She said he is one of several professors and graduate stu-

dents doing research at the Gill Tract, and she "does not know" if he put up the money himself.

Efforts to identify the woman and learn her position at DPMB were unsuccessful. Later calls were routed to an answer phone. The unidentified woman also said Freeling does not want to speak with the press.

In a letter recently printed in The Daily Californian, Swing asked: "Why is the university releasing genetically engineered crops in the community? Why is the university lying to residents of Albany that transgenic plants are being grown in their community (at Gill Tract and the USDA Plant Gene Expression center)?"

He also said Freeling was the first U.C. professor to receive a Nor-

tis grant.

Norvartis Corporation, a Swiss-based company and the world's second-largest biotechnology company, recently entered into a "partnership" with the U.C. Natural Resources.

Among other things, plants that are genetically engineered to resist pesticides, others that contain a third type that kill weeds.

Referring to Freeling, Swing said, "He is the rest of the crop's sponse."

It appears Freeling came in the form of offering a \$10,000

cent acquisition by Monsanto, one that required that the firm "divest" itself of the corn patent.

Norvartis and CNR

As a condition of the CNR/Norvartis agreement, Norvartis "gets to determine the direction of the research" at the college and the results, said Peter Rosset during a March interview published in this paper.

Rosset said such research "cannot be disclosed, made public, published or shared without written permission from Norvartis."

Rosset is Executive Director of "Food First/The Institute for Food and Development Policy," in Oakland. He has a PhD in agricultural ecology and has written extensively about food-related matters.

There's data that suggests some genetically engineered products "may cause a variety of different health problems," Rosset said during the interview, "including the creation of new food allergens, and possibly carcinogens."

"When we put these genetically engineered plants out into the environment and plant them, these genes that have been moved around can easily jump into wild plant species through cross pollination," Rosset said.

"A gene may not be restricted to the species that scientists have put it into. When it's in a different species, it can have a dramatically

different impact than that where it's been studied."

Recently completed studies strongly suggest that pesticides genetically engineered into corn plants are deadly to Monarch butterflies.

Children of the corn

The agreement between CNR and Norvartis notwithstanding, officials from UC and the CNR said corn planted on the Gill Tract is not the product of genetic engineering.

Yet in a piece published in the Chronicle, columnist Tom Abate said that Sarah Hake, "the UC Berkeley plant biologist whose corn got stomped," told him 5 percent of the corn grown on the Gill Tract had been "genetically altered."

Round Up

The Gill Tract controversy last spring was due to the use of the herbicide Round Up there.

Parents and other members of the PTA from what is now called Ocean View Elementary School met with representatives from the College of Natural Resources in an effort to convince them not to use Round Up there.

Ocean View School sits just yards away from the Gill Tract.

The parent group based their opposition to the use of Round Up in part on an article published in the "Journal of Pesticide Reform." The

piece said glyphosate, an ingredient in "Round Up," is "acutely toxic to humans."

Printed as a "herbicide by an environmentalist" in the "Northwest Coast" natives to Pesticides, it gets "Round Up" banned.

However last spring conflict erupted. Sharon Associate Dean for Research at the College of Natural Resources, disagreed with claims.

"Round Up" has been sparingly at the Gill Tract years, used primarily on the edges of the parcel, said Fleming said.

"Of course, as with the dose is in the poison," "Even sugar and salt if you have too much."

In the meantime, environmentalists are the wisdom of planting engineered seeds and the underground group strategy they describe as "necessary" in an effort use of such crops.

Though the headlines corporations involved in the engineering controversy away from the Bay Area, decisions made by University of California may make Berkeley even Albany — the eyes

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EL CERRITO ROUND UP

Firefighting Olympians

El Cerrito Fire Department Firefighter John Henderson and Fire Engineer Hugh Henderson (no relation) won nine medals, including three gold, at last month's Firefighter Olympics hosted by the Santa Ana Firefighters Association in Southern California.

The firemen won their medals in rifle and shotgun shooting events and both have earned multiple medals in the past several years representing the city at the games.

Interim Fire Chief Mark Scott reports that El Cerrito firefighters have won more than 50 medals during the past 15 years participating in the annual event.

"It's just a good excuse for the firefighters from the different associations throughout the state to get together and share, have some family time and get out of town," John Henderson said.

In other fire department news, Scott reported last week that the Albany Fire Department has agreed to allow El Cerrito's diesel fire engines to refuel at the Albany fueling station while the El Cerrito underground fuel tank is being removed and replaced.

City officials are also talking with Richmond and Albany officials to reach similar agreements for vehicles that use unleaded gasoline.

Scott praised Mark McGinn, Al-

bany's fire chief, for "approaching this agreement with a 'can do' attitude."

Waste not, what not

At the Aug. 2 City Council meeting, city staff was asked to prepare a report on the plan to add mixed paper pickup to El Cerrito's residential curbside recycling program.

In a report last week to the council and the city manager, Community and Administrative Services Manager Jay Corey and Becky Dowdakin, the city's integrated waste services manager, noted that through its current efforts, which include the recycling center at the end of Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito "appears to have diverted 50 percent of its waste stream, using state-approved calculations."

Currently, city staff plans to begin curbside collection of mixed paper in July 2000, but the report notes that other start-up dates are possible.

October 1999 and January 2000, were given as possible dates to begin mixed paper pickup in El Cerrito.

Even if the program doesn't begin until July, the report states "El Cerrito will surpass the 50 percent waste diversion goal despite implementing curbside mixed paper collection several months later than (Richmond Sanitary Service)."

General Plan specifics

Last month the City Council directed staff to make some relatively minor changes to the text of the proposed new General Plan. El Cerrito Planning Manager Edward Phillips reported last week that the modifications have been made and the revised General Plan will be on the agenda for action at the next council meeting.

Traffic and open-space matters have been main concerns with the public during past General Plan discussions.

Phillips' report last week to the City Council noted that the revised General Plan calls for a "balanced transportation system," land use patterns "which promote non-auto transportation," and policies that discourage "cut-through traffic" in residential neighborhoods.

The new General Plan, mandated by state law, will guide El Cerrito land use policy for the next 20 years.

The City Council will consider for adoption the final Environmental Impact Report for the revised General Plan and the revised General Plan itself at its Monday, Aug. 30, meeting.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the council chambers garden room, 7007 Moers Lane.

Copies of the draft General Plan update and the final EIR are available at the El Cerrito Library and at the Planning Division office, 10890 San Pablo Ave. Residents can call the Planning Division at 215-4330.

Committee of the Whole talks traffic, finances at meeting

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Traffic numbers and a new commitment to have a fiscal element in the city's new General Plan took center stage at last week's Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole meeting.

The committee voted 13-2 to urge again that the City Council add an economic and fiscal section to the new General Plan. El Cerrito's new General Plan is expected to get final approval at the council's Aug. 30 session. The Committee of the Whole is asking that the plan be amended as soon as possible after adoption to include this fiscal and economic element.

Last May, the committee unanimously approved and subsequently recommended to the City Council the General Plan fiscal element addition.

"We suggest that the General Plan incorporate a policy to evaluate the fiscal impacts of development as part of the land use planning process to assure that new development does not reduce standards or increase the burden upon existing residents of the city," the recommendation states.

The recommendation also states that the General Plan should incorporate a policy "to require new development to pay the increase in cost of service provision, including community facilities, based upon the impacts which may be attributed to that development."

At last week's meeting, Committee of the Whole member Kathleen Perka, who had originally put forth the "fiscal element" idea last year, said the committee should "reaffirm what we've already sent the council"

concerning the matter. Perka said, and the majority of the committee agreed, that the committee should ask for a commitment from the City Council to consider the matter soon after Sept. 15, the state-mandated deadline to approve the new General Plan.

Concerning the issue of General Plan traffic numbers, several committee members complained that the consultants' assumption of a 5 percent increase in regional traffic flows and in traffic to BART stations during the 20-year life of the new plan is too low.

Along most minor arterials such as Moers Lane and Potrero Avenue and Cutting Boulevard east of San Pablo Avenue, the General Plan states traffic will grow 5 to 10 percent. Along Eastshore Boulevard and a portion of Fairmont Avenue near San Pablo Avenue, however, traffic is estimated to increase about 65 percent. Along major arterials such as San Pablo Avenue and Central Avenue, the General Plan states traffic will grow 30 to 50 percent.

"The city ought to acknowledge the reality of the traffic and parking challenges that future councils and the planning effort in the city are going to have to face, rather than flinching them away," said Committee of the Whole Co-chairman Thom Stark.

City Attorney Howard Stern, attending last week's meeting, said that the General Plan has mechanisms built into it to address future traffic and circulation problems, if the need arises.

During a discussion about BART patrons parking in the neighbor-

hoods, Stern pointed out that the General Plan suggests the retention and possible expansion of residential permit parking near El Cerrito's two BART stations.

"So the plan tries, through its policies, to deal with a lot of the issues that you raise," Stern said.

Stern also pointed out to committee members that larger new developments proposed in the city will be evaluated for various impacts, including how they will affect traffic and circulation in the city.

Referring to the "growth management" section of the General Plan, Stern said, "it says in here—and if we don't do it we'll be in violation of our General Plan."

No vote was taken by the committee concerning General Plan traffic and circulation issues.

The committee also reviewed findings from the 1996 neighbor-to-neighbor task force report that discussed levels of service in the city. Although most people on the committee seemed to find some interest in the exercise, it was generally concluded that the neighbor-to-neighbor findings are of limited value to the Committee of the Whole.

"That was done a couple of years ago and things have changed," said committee Co-chairwoman Anne Delehunt about the neighbor-to-neighbor report. "A couple of the main issues that have changed have been infrastructure issues and deferred maintenance issues."

"While (the neighbor-to-neighbor report) is good information, we have new issues that we need to address," she said.

Albany Parent Teacher Association news

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

Sept. 25—Elementary curriculum meeting with Assistant Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10 a.m.-noon

Albany High School

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Aug. 26-27—Counselors available for students to pickup schedules and make changes, AHS counseling office

Sept. 2—Ninth-grade parent/student orientation, 7 p.m., AHS Little Theater

Albany Middle School

SCRIP Orders—Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Janet Nichols at 526-6259

Sept. 23—PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AMS library

Sept. 25—opening ceremony for new AMS campus, noon, Saturday

Cornell Elementary School

Sept. 7—First day welcome for parents, 8:30 a.m., Cornell multi-purpose room; afternoon kindergarten welcome for parents, noon, Cornell multi-purpose room

Sept. 12—Look for our booth at Solano Stroll

Sept. 29—PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell multi-purpose room

Marin Elementary School

Sept. 9—PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marin multi-purpose room

Ocean View Elementary School

Sept. 9—PTA meeting to elect new officers, 7 p.m.

Sept. 18—opening ceremony for new Ocean View campus, noon, Saturday

AUSD Board of Education

Sept. 14—regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell multi-purpose room

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Monday Sept. 6—Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

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THE EFFORT to bring newer playground equipment to Cerrito Vista Park took a major step this week as the Rotary Club of El Cerrito presented the city with a check for \$12,500 from proceeds from the club's 1998 July 4 fair. The play structure was donated by Prospect-Sierra School and replaces dilapidated equipment about 40 years old. The project, over a year in the realization, is about three weeks away from being complete. After the check presentation at last week's Rotary meeting, the principals—(from left) City Recreation Services Director Monica Korts, Rotary Club President Nobuko Mukai, Mayor Gina Brusatori and Mary Lyman of Prospect-Sierra School—went to Cerrito Vista. The structure is expected to be ready in about three weeks.

Short-term, strategic planning moves forward

Key review and planning activities are under way to focus and improve WCCUSD academic and administrative performance.

Continuing an aggressive effort to focus WCCUSD efforts on activities to improve teaching and learning, Superintendent Gloria Johnston convened the district's first "Leadership Academy" for a three day period, Aug. 10-12.

Bringing together principals, administrators, and other stakeholders, the academy focused on the analysis of data and the building of results-based goals for the 1999-2000 school year. Johnston focused the group on looking at development in the areas of achievement, safety, attendance, and behavior.

Goals for the district in these four areas, adopted by the Board of Education on Aug. 18, include:

- **Achievement:** Improve student language arts and mathematics skills. Establish short and long term goals that reflect content standards and are measured by classroom, school, district, state, and national measures.

- **Safety:** Strengthen the safety of learning environments. Establish long and short term goals that reflect physical, social, and cultural conditions of safety that are measured by student, staff, and community surveys, observations, and other appropriate measures.

- **Attendance:** Increase student and staff attendance. Establish long and short term goals that reflect actual attendance patterns as measured by monthly attendance reports and other measures.

- **Behavior:** Improve student behavior. Establish long and short term goals that reflect caring and support, high expectations, and opportunities for participation and involvement that promote resilience and

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

success as measured by multiple indicators.

Each school principal will now be working with staff, parents, and the school community to develop specific goals in each of these areas for each school site. For more information, contact your school principal.

Meanwhile, earlier this summer, the board approved a plan put forward by Dr. Johnston for a comprehensive strategic planning process involving key stakeholders districtwide. The strategic plan effort will kick off later this fall. Also this summer, the district contracted with School Services of California to do a complete fiscal health review of district finances.

New middle and high school planning and construction moved forward on Aug. 18, the school board approved final educational specifications and the master plan for the new Richmond Middle School to be located at the former Harry Ellis campus, funded through Measure E bond funds. Speaking as

one board member, I was excited by the plans and designs and want to congratulate the DES/WLC architectural team and all of the staff, parents, and community members who contributed to this effort. Your hard work has paid off! Demolition of the old Harry Ellis buildings is scheduled for this winter.

Meanwhile, active construction is under way at the new Hercules Middle/High School. To ensure construction stays on schedule and meets all specifications, the board approved on Aug. 18 a contract to RGM Associates for independent project management services.

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Writer has talent, determination

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

Teresa Leung-Ryan is both talented and determined. And that, my friends, is a dynamite combination. Armed with a totebag full of notebooks, catalogs and information, Leung-Ryan came to our interview with so much to say that I hardly had to ask her any questions. And what she had to say was both interesting and informative.

Teresa Leung-Ryan has written a book, and from what she showed me, she has rewritten, changed, corrected and re-written until it reached her own critical acceptance.

Much of the rewriting occurred after she met with the various people she calls her mentors, successful, knowledgeable people who have advised her and offered her information that they learned through their own search for acceptance or publication.

Her interview with me was more to inform other aspiring writers of what she has learned in her years of writing and subsequent search for an agent and publisher, than to tell me about herself. She feels that her efforts have given her a great deal of information that can be helpful to others.

Many people who have written a book do not know what a struggle they must go through for the next step.

"They send out one query letter and wait for an answer. If it is a rejection letter it devastates them," she tells us.

She gives us names of books that can help in this regard. "Bird by Bird" by Ann Lamott and "Writing Down the Bones" by Natalie Goldberg are two of them, and Christopher Vogler's "The Writers Journey." Teresa calls hers a writer's journey, and it is long and difficult.

The first advice she received was to find a good, experienced agent. Her mentor told her that it is important not just to accept the first one, but to find one that is experienced and knowledgeable about your own area. Unfortunately, Teresa ignored that advice, and signed with an agent who seemed eager to represent her. A personable and intelligent woman, but Leung-Ryan found, one with little experience. She has decided to listen more closely to her mentors and follow their advice.

Through a long discussion, Teresa gave me many nuggets that could help others, but space precludes the essay they deserve. Just tracing her activities should help.

Born in Hong Kong, Teresa was 8 when she and her parents came here. "I think my parents were extremely brave," she says. "They left their old world and brought their three children here because they believed we would get a better education."

She entered the third grade with almost no English, and by the fourth grade was reading with all the other students. She attended community college, but had to go to work. She took evening classes at Skyline City College and UC Extension. "I think continuing education is a lifetime process."

Fascinated by languages, she tended to take language courses, including Greek Tragedy.

What made you decide to write? The anger. Her childhood left her

angry, she said. Having to catch up with others in that first tough year, the difficulty of communication with parents, and being "different" all had their effect upon her.

She was writing angry poetry when she took a class on "Writing for Children." She and other classmates started a critique group, which has lasted almost 10 years. She thought writing children's books would be her career until she met Maxine Hong Kingston, author of "Women Warriors." That changed her life.

She started writing short stories for adults, which she later wove into a book. Kingston suggested she write to her agent. Teresa made the mistake of sending her entire manuscript to the agent. It was too much and she was turned down. During the next few years she learned how to submit a manuscript to an agent—usually two or three chapters. One agent said her book was "no more than a collection of short stories" which inspired her to rewrite.

She read about a Jack London Writers Conference and contest, entered in the fiction category, and won second place. She joined the organization that had sponsored it, the California Writers Club. "It opened doors for me." She has been very active in the organization, serving in many capacities since then.

Networking, going to book read-

ings and signing, taking classes, agents and editors, she says, and not being discouraged by rejection, being willing to accept criticism and advice and, again, persistence. She brought to our attention that she had a book filled with stories and a book filled with pictures of people who had helped her and her own activities.

Networking, she says, is the most important.

Teresa hopes to finish "The Heart of Hearts," in print. She has started on a second book and offers to talk with other writers who might be able to help her. Her address is teresa@gunum.com.

She will make it. Her networking and determination will make it, I am sure.

Teresa had written me a letter, but I couldn't ignore, and I didn't. If I ever do go to a place who doesn't dream of times—I know who will mentor. And, as always, your input, interesting events, organizations, write to me at 355 West Albany, CA 94706 or call. My e-mail is teresa@gunum.com.

CITY OF BERKELEY

PLANNING COMMISSION Public Hearing Notice SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

CITY COUNCIL Public Hearing Notice SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF BERKELEY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE ALONG WITH AN INITIAL STUDY AND DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

— ALSO —
NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Berkeley Planning Commission has Initiated a Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and will hold a public hearing to consider the Amendment. The purpose of the Amendment will be to:

1. Add the definition of a Material Recovery Enterprise to the Definition 23F of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Allow the newly defined use with a Use Permit, pursuant to Section 23E.80.030 in the Mixed Use/Light Industrial zone.
3. Add the newly defined use to the Special Provisions Section 23E.80.030 additional use that is protected from conversion into additional uses benefit of a Use Permit and subject to the Findings listed in Section 23E.80.030.

A public hearing on the Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration will be held at the September Planning Commission meeting. A summary of these comments will be forwarded to the City Council for final action. Planning Commission meetings are held at the Veterans Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, beginning at 7:00 PM.

An Environmental Initial Study and Negative Declaration have been prepared to the California Environmental Quality Act and are available for public review August 27, 1999 through September 21, 1999 at the Berkeley Main Library, Allston Way and at the City of Berkeley, Current Planning Division Office, 230 St. Berkeley, CA 94704.

A public hearing will be held, if appropriate, to adopt the Negative Declaration September 21, 1999 City Council meeting. City Council meetings are held at Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, beginning at 7:00 PM.

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BUSINESS FOCUS
by Laura Fischer

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Berkeley schools make the change to organic foods

District board likely to approve plan to introduce pesticide-free snack and lunch menus, as well as plant campus gardens

By Tony Mercado

BERKELEY: Students in Berkeley schools may see a healthier alternative to foil-wrapped lunches and junk food on their trays come fall. As part of a districtwide emphasis on nutrition, trustees of the Berkeley Unified School District are expected to approve a policy tonight that over time would make snack and lunch menus at all schools fully organic.

The endeavor expands into a full-fledged smorgasbord what began as an experimental effort last spring at two district schools, and plans call for a garden in every school yard. Although not the first district to introduce organic food for both student nutrition and education, Berkeley could be the first in the state to adopt such a comprehensive policy, said Superintendent Jack McLaughlin.

Phased in

The plan would initially create an organic choice among the traditional pizza, burgers and Taco Bell fare sold in Berkeley school cafeterias. The all-organic menu would be phased in.

"The district is teaching all about healthy foods, so we should be mirroring that in our food service programs," McLaughlin said. "Let's do it."

The district began to probe food quality three years ago, following a single complaint about cafeteria meals and parent fears about pesticides. The district formed an eight-member committee of parents and schools officials to review menus.

In April, the district introduced organic fruits such as apples and oranges to Willard Middle and Jefferson elementary schools. This fall,

schools in the 9,000-student district will phase in the healthier products as state and federal grants allow.

The district in June won a \$50,000 grant from the California Nutrition Network to help it start a farmers market and fresh fruit and salad bar in four schools.

"It's not food they've never seen before. It's just free of pesticides, chemicals and fertilizers," said Janet Brown, a food and farm adviser with the Center for Ecoliteracy, a non-profit group working with the district on the project.

Cynthia Papermaster, a parent at Longfellow Middle School, said she hopes organic fruits and vegetables will push her 12-year-old daughter, Laura, to use the cafeteria.

"I've been making her lunches for years and it's gotten old," said Papermaster. "She never wanted what they served. The fresher the better."

Taste tests

School officials say the biggest challenge will be to get most students to choose the organic food over the fast-food fare that has crept into school cafeterias over many years.

Students participated in organic food taste tests over the summer for fourth- and fifth-graders to help the district design an organic menu. They gave the children graham crackers and fruit bars. The kids tried processed and organic versions of each. The processed foods came out on top.

"Part of it is going to be educating children to be wise consumers of food," trustee Patricia Doolan said. "There will be a bit of experimentation, but in the end, it will be a question of what tastes good and what appeals to them."

Sylvianne Tyree, 12, a seventh-grader at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, said the proof will be in the organic pudding.

"As long as it tastes good," said Sylvianne, "I don't care."

According to the policy, the district will remove foods exposed to radiation, pesticides and genetically altered foods from its menus. A 24-member advisory panel of students, teachers, parents and principals will be formed to discuss the menu, new products and service.

Also included in the policy is a call to have a garden in each of the district's 16 schools so students can grow, prepare and eat their own meals.

Eleven schools currently have gardens, including the nationally recognized Edible School Yard at King Jr. Middle, created by Alice Waters, owner of Chez Panisse

restaurant in Berkeley and a disciple of organic eating.

Raising food and funds

The district will purchase the organic foods with a portion of the \$650,000 the district currently spends on cafeteria food. The Berkeley Food Systems Project, an endeavor by the Center for Equal Literacy, has raised about \$245,000 toward the effort through federal and state grants.

The district will use the funds to create the school gardens and train teachers how to incorporate gardening activities into classroom curriculum.

Students will still pay \$1.75 for elementary school lunches, and \$2 at middle schools, organic or otherwise. Organic breakfasts will now cost \$1 instead of 75 cents, said Elsie Lee Szeto, the district's director of child nutrition services.

REUNIONS

Bayview High School, Class of 1964, is holding its 35-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Bay Bridge Holiday Inn, 1800 Powell St. in Emeryville. Noon cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 1-510-417-2796.

Bay View Association of Mare Island holding a Mare Island Reunion on Friday, Sept. 10, on the grounds of Quarters A. Contact Robin Long at 1-707-662-3239 or Connie at 707-662-3242.

Belmont High School, Class of 1939, is holding its 60-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel in Jack London Square. Call 1-925-376-9233 or 1-510-531-1051.

Berkeley School, classes of 1910-50, are holding a "Jingletown" reunion dinner and dance on Saturday, Oct. 16. Call Edward Gabriel at 1-510-357-2460.

Berkeley High School, Class of 1979, is planning its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 16, at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Jack London Square. Call Tom Thomas at 1-510-651-6092, or e-mail at IHS1979@aol.com.

Belmont High School, Class of 1964, is planning its 35-year reunion and cocktail party Friday, Oct. 22, and dinner-dance Saturday, Oct. 23. Contact Carol (Flaig) Brown at 1-925-830-34 or Bev (Langland) Louie at 1-510-534-864.

Berkeley High School, classes of June 1949 and January 1950, are celebrating their 50-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Family Club in San Francisco. Call Ellie Cooper Van Voorhis at 425-935-5478.

Belmont High School, classes of 1948, spring 1949 and fall 1949, are celebrating their 50-year anniversary for October 1999. For information, contact Dick and Marylou Pearson at 1-925-672-4753.

Belmont Technical High School, Class of 1969, is planning its 30-year reunion. The class is currently searching out graduates from that year. For more information, call 1-510-464-4964.

San Jose High School, Class of 1969, will hold its 10-year reunion on Oct. 2 at the Westin Santa Clara. For more information, call Great Reunions at 1-800-655-7971.

Belmont High School, Class of 1979, will hold its 20-year reunion on Nov. 20 at Holiday Inn. For more information, call Great Reunions Inc. at 1-800-655-7971.

Belmont High School, Class of 1974, is planning its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Sheraton Convention Center. Contact Class Encounters at 1-445-2527.

Berkeley High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Oakland. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Berkeley High School, classes of fall 1948 and spring 1949, are holding a joint 50-year reunion on Friday, Oct. 1, and Saturday, Oct. 2. Contact John Underhill at 1-510-236-4807 or C.R. Hunter at 1-925-932-1772, or write to 2623 Yuba, El Cerrito (94530).

Oakland High School, classes of January and June 1959, are holding their 40-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Pleasanton Hilton Hotel. Contact Carol Roland Reeve at 1-925-254-1326.

Richmond Union High School, Class of 1954, is planning its 45-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Embassy Suites in Walnut Creek. Contact Donna (Choate) Irwin at 1-925-228-6980, or Janis (Smith) Pimentel at 1-925-228-8024.

San Lorenzo Valley High School, Class of 1989, is organizing its 10-year reunion. To pass along updated information of classmates, call or fax Jenni (Markley) Allen at 1-925-754-7231, or e-mail at Callen3079@aol.com.

Alameda High School, Class of 1979, is making preparations for its 20-year reunion. To help locate class members or to update address information, call Nancy Wiese Slagle at 1-510-889-8487, or Cindy Zecher at 1-510-523-7361.

Skyline High School, Class of 1969, will hold its 30-year reunion on Sept. 25 at the Lordships in Berkeley. For more information, call Back to the Future Reunions at 1-831-662-8482.

Campolindo High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Sunday, Sept. 5, at Roundhill Country Club. Contact Kathy Vilas-Ahr at 1-925-283-3109.

Albany High School, Class of 1979, is celebrating its 20-year class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Moraga Country Club. Contact the class reunion hotline at 1-510-528-3043.

Napa High School, Class of 1969, is celebrating its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Marriott Napa Valley. Contact Class Encounters at 1-800-445-2527.

Ygnacio Valley High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Reunion Masters at 1-408-448-7888 or 1-800-359-7888.

Antioch High School, Class of 1989, is celebrating its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Call Back to the Future Reunions at 1-832-662-8482.

Pinole Valley High School, Class of

1979, is planning its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Holiday Inn in Emeryville. Committee is looking for lost classmates; to update or obtain information, call Maria Parada at 1-925-370-9267, or e-mail sonrisajuno.com.

Palo Alto High School, Class of 1949, is celebrating its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Palo Alto Sheraton Hotel. Call Peggy Averell at 1-650-968-6107.

Mountain View Union High School, Class of 1949, is holding its 50-year reunion on Friday, Oct. 1, at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View. Call Eugene Sharp at 1-650-493-1488.

George Washington High School, Class of 1944, in San Francisco is holding its 55-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Embassy Suites at the

San Francisco International Airport. Contact Barbara Levey at 1-415-884-2330.

Mt. Diablo High School, Class of 1954, is holding its 45-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Walnut Creek Marriott Hotel. Contact Louise Turin at 1-925-685-2497.

Las Lomas High School, Class of 1979, is celebrating its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Walnut Creek Marriott Hotel. Call Kris Ledson at 1-707-792-0608.

Vintage High School, Class of 1989, in Napa is planning its 10-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 16, at Chardonay Golf Club in Napa. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Vallejo High School, Class of 1979, is

holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Holiday Inn Marine World. Contact Reunion Masters at 1-408-448-7888 or 1-800-359-7888.

Acalanes High School, Class of 1989, is celebrating its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Crown Plaza in Union Square in San Francisco. Call Back to the Future Reunions at 1-832-662-8482.

Vintage High School, Class of 1979, in Napa is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Chardonay Golf Club in Napa. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

St. Peter's Academy and St. Peter's Boys' School, Class of 1950, are planning their 50-year reunion for May

2000. Former classmates should call Louise (Johnson) Sansoe at 1-650-358-0303, or Betty (Julian) Robinson at 1-415-731-6328.

Napa and Vintage high schools, Classes of 1974, are planning their 25-year reunions together for Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Marriott Napa Valley. Contact Class Encounters at 1-800-445-2527.

Pomona High School and Ganesha High School, classes of 1959 and 1960, are combining for "Reunion 2000" to celebrate their 39- and 40-year reunions May 19-21, 2000, in Newport Beach. Visit the Web site at <http://www.pomonaganesha5960.org>.

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Town & Gown Club building celebrating its centennial

Berkeley's famous Town & Gown Club building celebrates its centennial this year. One of Berkeley's first women's clubs formed in the last century, the Town & Gown Club served as a meeting place for wives of businessmen (town) and university professors (gown).

This unique group of women are still meeting and organizing events. The club still owns and inhabits its original building, which is an important structure designed by internationally renowned architect Bernard Maybeck.

Built in 1899, the Town & Gown Club became one of Berkeley's first historic landmarks in 1975 and is one of the city's few non-residential brown shingle buildings.

In 1910, Maybeck's famous protégé, Julia Morgan, doubled the size of the building with an addition to the rear. Later additions were built, sometimes sympathetic, sometimes not.

The most notable feature of the building remains—Maybeck's large, cantilevered roof framing. The roof framing is a direct predecessor for

"The goal was to add major structural elements to the building and make it look as if nothing was ever added."

— Jerri Holan, architect

Maybeck's most famous building, Berkeley's First Church of Christ Scientist, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

To celebrate its centennial, the club voluntarily raised funds for a seismic upgrade.

"The goal was to add major structural elements to the building and make it look as if nothing was ever added," said Albany resident Jerri Holan, the architect overseeing the upgrade.

Huntington Design Associates devised a phased construction process to bring the old building up to local earthquake standards.

First, earthquake-resisting steel frames were installed in the club's roof.

Second, the foundation was strengthened and enlarged. Then the steel roof frames and foundation were connected with steel braces.

Finally, old redwood shingles were removed, plywood shear walls were installed, and recycled redwood shingles were applied.

"In order to hide the steel framing, we dismantled Maybeck's woodwork and then carefully reinstalled it later," says Don Terry of Terry Contractors, Inc., which performed the sensitive renovation.

A spirit of preservation was one of many compelling reasons that redwood shingles were selected to protect the building's framing for yet another century. Resistance to water and pests was another.



TOWN & GOWN CLUB building is celebrating its centennial this year and was designed by Bernard Maybeck.

UC-Berkeley names three to dean post

UC-Berkeley this week announced the appointment of deans for the departments of social sciences, international studies and chemistry.

George Breslauer, a Soviet scholar and professor of political science, will fill a five-year term as dean of

social sciences in the College of Letters and Science. He replaces interim dean Jan de Vries, a Cal history professor.

David Leonard, a political science professor, is the new dean of International and Area Studies. He replaced professor Richard Buxbaum,

who returned to teaching school.

Clayton Heathorn, a member since 1964 and chemist, became the new dean of the College of Chemistry. He replaced Alex Bell.

English Society hosts costumed ball on Horatio Hornblower's Lydia

By Danielle Samaniego

The Bay Area English Regency Society is holding a costumed ball that recreates the atmosphere aboard the fictional Capt. Horatio Hornblower's ship "the Lydia" on Aug. 28 at Kensington's Arlington Community Church. The society is working with the Sharpe Appreciation Society, the Napoleonic Alliance, the Brigade Napoleon, and the Greater Bay Area Costumers Guild.

The event promises to be a night of classical tableau. Country dancing and waltzing will be held. Jolie Velazquez, a member of the planning committee for the English Society, says that partners are not necessarily required for these events.

There will be a pot-luck buffet available with the ticket purchase.

Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$16 at the door. There is a \$2 discount for members from any of the sponsoring societies or clubs.

The ball is being held in honor of author C.S. Forester's 100th birthday. Forester was a British historical novelist, biographer and journalist.

He created the character of Horatio Hornblower, a swashbuckling

hero and naval officer. He wrote 10 novels based on the character.

He is also the author of "The African Queen," the novel that was later turned into the 1951 Academy Award-winning film with Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn.

Card tables will be set for period card games and there will be lots of people there in nautical dress," said Velazquez. She hopes to attract as many people as possible to the evening.

"We're really happy to get phone calls from people we've never seen before. It's really going to be a nice event," she said.

Also making an appearance for the evening is an actress playing Lady Emma Hamilton. Hamilton was the mistress of Admiral Lord Nelson. She was married to the Ambassador of Naples, William Hamilton. Because of her adulterous affair, she did not inherit anything from the ambassador and died a drunk, penniless woman.

Nevertheless, she was known for her famous "attitudes" performance," which will be performed at the ball.

The Bay Area English Regency Society puts on roughly four costumed events per year. This will be the first nautical-themed event for the society.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dancing begins at 8 p.m.

The event is located at 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. To order tickets ahead of time, mail checks to BAERS c/o Vanessa Schnatmeier, 1122 Hudson St., Redwood City, CA 94061.

Registrations will be taken no later than the day before the event.

For information about the event, call (415) 931-5775, or e-mail at jvelazqu@exploratorium.edu.

OBITUARY

Ellen Marguerite Skinner

Ellen Marguerite Skinner, born in Oakland and a 60-year resident of El Cerrito, united with her deceased husband of 35 years on Aug. 18. She loved her community and left with major concerns over the redevelopment of the Plaza.

She often claimed that she was born to volunteer and served with the Children's Home Society, Cancer Society, American Red Cross, El Cerrito Garden Club and Senior Center.

Ellen is survived by her son Jerry, his wife Sharon, and grandchildren Kirsten and Brady.

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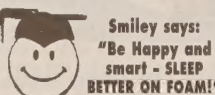
Caledonian Club's Saturday Night Dance, Hilton Hotel, Sept. 5, 8 pm; Two's Company; \$10 at the door.

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Snapp Shots

By Martin Snapp

the same meaning as today. My husband and I are in our mid-50s, and we've been hearing it all our lives." — David and Patricia Davis

"In your search for the origin of 'kerfuffle,' I found interesting the mention of the Yiddish word 'tsimis' (meaning 'stew'). This is because the Philippine word 'tsimis' means gossip, which could easily be a feature of 'kerfuffle.' It made me, a Filipino, wonder whether Tagalog (which has adapted some Spanish and English words) took on some aspects of Yiddish, too. Or if Jewish people changed it a bit. Perhaps this calls for further linguistic sleuthing?" — Isabel Escoda

Finally, the city of Berkeley had a great idea for celebrating the new Millennium: Open an old buried time capsule and examining the contents.

Only one problem: They can't find one. So Mayor Shirley Dean, the Millennium Celebration Planning Committee, and the Berkeley Historical Society have issued a joint appeal. Do you know where any old time capsules are buried? They're out there somewhere. If you have a clue, please call the Berkeley Historical Society at 848-0181, e-mail President Linda Rosen at linda@transbay.net, or drop them a note at P.O. Box 1190, Berkeley, CA 94701.

They're also planning to bury a new time capsule for people in the future to open. (Here's hoping they leave a better record of its location than our ancestors did.) If you have any suggestions as to what they should put in it, they'd like to know that, too.

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claim to have invented the Internet, and — most of all — his declaration that Clinton is one of the greatest presidents in history.)

That good ol' gal Molly Ivins once said, "When I first saw Dan and Marilyn Quayle, they looked oddly familiar. Then it hit me: Marilyn looks just like Prince Charles, and Dan looks just like Princess Di."

But I disagree. Dan reminds me more of Tinkerbell. So I appeal to you, loyal readers: All together now, clap your hands and repeat after me, "I do believe in twits! I do, I do, I do!"

Good news and bad news for Gilbert & Sullivan lovers. The bad news: John Alecca is calling it a career as general manager of The Lamplighters, the Bay Area's award-winning G&S troupe.

Alecca not only made The Lamplighters a truly Bay Area-wide troupe (it was he who began the practice of having half the performances in the East Bay), he presided over a quantum-leap improvement in the quality of the productions.

He brought in a new generation of directors, like Tim McDonald and Barbara Heroux, who started emphasizing staging, choreography and, above all, acting, to go along with The Lamplighters' traditional

excellence in singing. Finally Gilbert got equal time with Sullivan.

That's when The Lamplighters started winning every award around, including first prize at the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival in Buxton, England, in 1995. Two years later, The Lamplighters played host when the G&S Festival was held for the first (and so far only) time outside England, a glorious two weeks of nonstop G&S at Zellerbach Hall at UC-Berkeley.

His swan song will be this weekend, when his final production — a perfectly lovely version of "My Fair Lady" — plays at the Dean Leshner Center for the Regional Arts in Walnut Creek for four performances: Thursday night, Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Saturday night. As befits a man who named his first cat Eliza Doolittle, I'll be at tomorrow night's show. If you see me there, I hope you'll come up and say hi.

Alecca's departure is the bad news. The good news is that his successor is none other than Barbara Heroux. In addition to her many sparkling productions for The Lamplighters (it was her production of "Princess Ida" that won first prize at the Buxton Festival),

East Bay theater-goers will doubtless remember her twin productions of "Camelot" at the Piedmont Light Opera and "The Magic Flute" at the Berkeley Opera in 1996.

One of the things I love best about her productions, aside from her wonderful sense of pacing, is the charming inclusion of children in the chorus. And she has no plans to change.

"Now that music and art programs have all but disappeared from the schools," she says, "I guess it's up to us to pass the tradition on to the next generation."

Speaking of the schools, remember the column I wrote last spring about a dedicated cadre of science teachers in the Oakland schools who are using some creative tactics to turn their students on to the joys of science? One of them is Anthony Cody, who teaches at Bret Harte.

Well, I just found out that he's going to be on a PBS program titled "Teacher Shortage: False Alarm?" It'll be on Channel 9 at 10 p.m. on Sept. 10. (And, yes, Berkeley readers, he's the son of the late, great, much-missed bookstore owner, Fred Cody.)

While we're waxing academic, my list of words and phrases I

love to hate ("pro-active," "decimate," etc.) elicited these contributions from you readers:

"And I was like, 'blah blah blah...'" — Beth Diamond, Berkeley

"So he goes, 'blah blah blah,' and I go, 'blah blah blah.' My sister, whom I love dearly, says (or, if you prefer, goes) this all the time in front of her 8-year-old. But wanting to keep peace in the family, I've held my tongue so far." — Gil Harrold, El Cerrito

"Rock'n'roll diva" — a contradiction in terms. — Perry Bales, Oakland

"I find myself these days most annoyed by the increasing use of 'try and...' as if two separate activities are involved, when 'try to...' more accurately expresses what most people actually mean. For instance: 'I'm going to try and plant the garden this week.' Argghhhh! 'Congress will try and override the veto.' Argghhhh! Argghhhh!" — Robin Lee, Oakland

Meanwhile, several readers set me straight about the real origins of the word "kerfuffle." Silly me: It isn't Yiddish at all. To wit:

"I grew up in Australia and remember that 'kerfuffle' was used frequently by my mother (of Scottish and Irish ancestry). I think it is a lovely word, redolent of uproars and ruffled feathers. I checked my Oxford Dictionary and, sure enough, it points to a Scottish derivation." — Lynne Cameron

"My 86-year-old mother used 'kerfuffle' a lot when I was a child in post-war rural England. It conveys mild pandemonium, in the chicken yard sense of ruffled feathers and loud clucking. But a word of warning to new users: It is vital to remember that you can never have a kerfuffle in a teacup." — Christ Cook, Oakland

"Why did you assume that 'kerfuffle' was Yiddish? The origin is the Scots word 'curfuffle,' and you'll find it in the Oxford English Dictionary with that spelling and

Kay to quit as chief of Cal law school

By Ed Fletcher

much clearer, Choper said. In academia you have conflicting interests that can't be assuaged by a fat profit margin, he said.

"It is like you're on a chain gang and you have to bang rocks every day. It is a hard job. Eight years is a long time," he said.

Choper said Kay made the best of it after the university regents canceled affirmative action programs in July 1995.

"She had a difficult issue that was put on her plate, and I think she dealt with it effectively," Choper said.

Minority enrollment was devastated after the ban on race-based preferences in enrollment took effect.

In 1997, only one black student was enrolled at the school. Blacks made up an average of 8.5 percent of new classes over the previous seven years.

New policies that were pushed by Kay increased enrollments of blacks, Latinos, Asians and American Indians for the 1998 academic year, but did not return the numbers

to levels that existed before affirmative action programs were ended.

"(The end of affirmative action) has made it much more difficult to attract and enroll quality minority students because it does not allow us to use the tools we had been using," Kay said.

Kay said she was confident the new dean, for whom a search has just begun, and the faculty will follow the new guidelines aimed at increasing minority enrollment.

Some of those policy changes include putting less weight on admis-

sions tests and a greater reliance on scholarship funds from bar associations.

Kay said she will work on her book about female law professors while on sabbatical, which starts with her retirement in June. She will return to teaching at Boalt Hall in the fall of 2001.

Kay has been on the board of directors for the American Bar Association since 1995 and served as president of the Association of American Law Schools in 1989.

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Furnish your home on the silly side

Designers say sense of humor shines through

By Julie Clairmont
STAFF WRITER

A sense of humor is helpful in almost any situation, so why not use it when you decorate? Incorporating the off-beat into your decor can bring an element of fun to your home.

If you like the idea, but don't know where to start, no worries, there are all sorts of wacky possibilities out there.

Ride a wave

Oregon designer Mark Ribkoff is experiencing a wave of success with his surfboard-inspired furniture. The line includes coffee and console tables, even mirrors, all resembling the wooden longboards of yesteryear.

"I just love the longboard," said Ribkoff, an avid surfer and windsurfer. "And I noticed some people were trying to use them indoors (in their decor), but it never quite worked because they were so big."

Ribkoff's designs look like scaled-down versions of the typically 9- to 11-foot longboards.

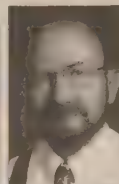
"I also modified the shape a bit to make them functional, because if you set a wine glass on a regular surfboard it would slide off," he said.

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OLD CHAIRS are back in action thanks to an artistic touch. These works by Susan Freedman, Don Ray and Nancy Shapiro graced the Arts Council of Napa Valley's 'Chair-A-Tea' tour Sunday. Interior designers say such vibrant 'outside the box' approaches to interior design convey a sense of humor, setting homeowners and guests at ease.

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You



By Don Dunning

There is no excuse for an inspector to miss a defective foundation. If you do, you'll pay the price.

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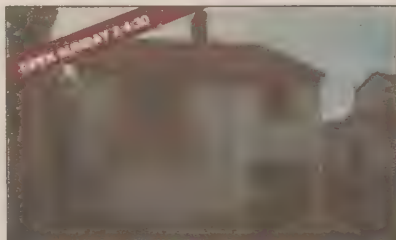
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High employment, consumer confidence continue to charge housing market

The healthy housing environment of the last few years continued into the second quarter of 1999. Interest rates remained low, employment high and consumers continued feeling confident of a good future.

"All these factors encouraged homeowners to take advantage of opportunities for restructuring mortgage debt as interest rates remained

at affordable levels," said Vassilis Lekkas, principal economist for Freddie Mac. "In response, homeowners acted to not only take advantage of the low interest rate environment, but also to borrow some of the equity in their homes."

"Although, due to rising interest rates, refinancing activity will slow down in the coming quarter, we expect

a higher portion of these refinancings to be for loans that are higher than the original loan."

The survey also found that the median age of the original loan was 5.3 years in the second quarter of 1999. In comparison, the median age of the refinanced loan in first quarter 1999 was 5.0 years. Properties refinanced during the second quarter

of 1999 experienced a median house-price appreciation of 13 percent, up from 11 percent in the first quarter.

These estimates come from a sample of properties on which Freddie Mac has funded at least two successive loans. Transactions are further screened to ensure they are refinances rather than sales.

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Apartment living boasts storied past

By Frances Ingraham Heins
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We might think of apartment buildings as something that evolved in the 20th century, but structures built exclusively as apartment houses have been around for centuries.

In large cities like Paris, New York City or ancient Rome, with dense populations, communal living became a way of life for a great deal of the population.

Due to space limitations, creating more than one living space per building made sense. Ancient Romans built multistory apartment blocks, called an insula. These existed at least as early as the third century B.C., according to "The Ancient City: Life in Classical Athens & Rome," by Peter Connolly and Hazel Dodge (McGraw-Hill).

Some blocks, which have been found to echo today's traditional house design, were designed for wealthy occupants.

"However, many of these apartment structures were often cheaply constructed and poorly built, making them very dangerous for their inhabitants," said Doug Bucher, architectural preservationist, author and architect with John G. Waite Associates in Albany, N.Y.

"The structure was very much like what we consider an apartment house today in that they were often three to five stories high. Sometimes the first floor was used as commercial space. The owner of the bakery might live upstairs above the shop and renters in the floors above that."

The notion of high-rise apartment buildings lived on through 18th-century Europe, where they became very common in Paris and Vienna. Only

the wealthy could afford town houses, and the rule was, the richer the owner, the wider and taller the town house.

"During the Napoleonic Era of the 19th century it became very unfashionable to live in an apartment building," Bucher said. "Back then the blocks were divided horizontally by social class."

The ground floor was commercial space, the mezzanine was used for either the owner or servants. The next level, called the pianonoble, was considered the main floor.

"The main floor was often adorned with big windows and iron balconies," Bucher said. "Then as you went higher, the floors grew lesser in importance, till you reached the garret."

That is where the lower class, including students and struggling artists lived. With no elevators, residents walked up dark staircases to reach their living quarters, which were extremely hot in summer and freezing in winter.

The apartment house wasn't developed in this country until the mid-19th century, in New York City and Boston. Before that, early American inns brought together groups of unrelated people in one building for shorter lengths of time.

The concept of the apartment house was brought to America in the 1850s by Richard Morris Hunt, the architect of New York's Tribune Tower (an unprecedented 11 stories at the time) and the first American to graduate from the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Hunt's first apartment building was constructed on West 10th Street in Manhattan in 1857, according to Bucher. It contained apartments and

large studio space for artists.

"Having prestigious artists, such as Frederick Church, Winslow Homer and John LaFarge, living in these grand studio spaces made it immediately acceptable to live in an apartment," Bucher said.

In the late 1860s, Hunt was commissioned by Stuyvesant Rutherford to convert a row of town houses on 18th Street near Irving Place into "French flats," as they were called in Paris. Despite being poorly laid out, the Stuyvesant was an immediate success, according to author Stephen Birmingham in his 1979 book, "Life at the Dakota" (Syracuse University Press), a history of one of this country's earliest and largest apartment buildings.

Architectural historians consider the Stuyvesant to be the first real apartment building for the middle class. Hunt experimented with new ideas of living in a city as building costs rose.

By the 1880s and '90s, large imposing hotels had also been built for the wealthy class, such as the million-dollar St. Nicholas, which boasted the unheard-of luxury of central hot-air heating, according to Birmingham's book. The Metropolitan Hotel was equally costly and sumptuous and contained 100 suites of family apartments, which could be leased as permanent residences.

From 1884 to 1887, the Dakota was built by the newly rich millionaire Edward Clark, of the Singer sewing partnership and fortune, as one of the first grand apartment buildings. It was said that the massive apartment building, at 72nd

Street and what is now Central Park West, was as far removed from the mainstream in 1884 as the Dakota Territory. Clark found it humorous and the name stuck.

The Dakota was a trailblazer, for before it was built, affluent New Yorkers thought it was lower class to live in an apartment, Birmingham said. "If you were respectable, you lived in a house."

Over the years, some well-known tenants of the Dakota have included Boris Karloff, Zachary Scott, Leonard Bernstein and John Lennon, whose widow, Yoko Ono, still lives there.

"Because it's an historic landmark, the Dakota can't be changed on the outside," Birmingham said. "But the inside has been changed every-which-way over the years, as suites were combined to make larger quarters."

As had long been the case in Europe, the best apartments were on the ground, or "principal" floor, wrote Birmingham.

But the invention of the elevator not only allowed buildings to become taller, but took the drudgery out of having to walk to the higher floors, which often provided the best views and cleaner air.

"Once it became easier to get to the top floor, it became fashionable to live there," Bucher said.



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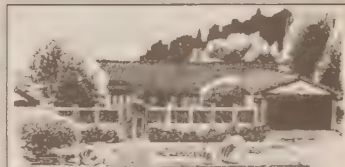
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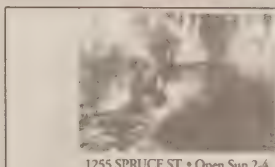
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— Carter W.

Dear Carter: No. Don't worry. That writer was wrong. Several readers sent me that newspaper clipping; however, that writer's information is more than two years behind the times. The 1997 Tax Act created the new \$250,000 home-sale tax exemption (up to \$500,000 for married couples filing jointly). Principal residence sellers qualify if they owned and occupied their primary residence an "aggregate" of two years during the five years before sale.

You clearly qualify. However, if you don't sell your principal residence within 36 months after moving out, then you are no longer eligible. Renting your former principal residence up to 36 months before selling it won't disqualify you.

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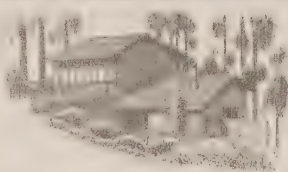
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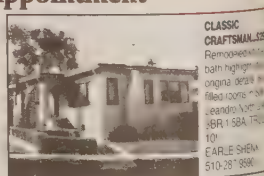
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FROM PAGE B4

No-cost mortgage should not have loan and junk fees

Dear Bob: I enjoyed your recent item about mortgage broker garbage and junk fees. A mortgage broker recently gave me a good-faith estimate for refinancing my home loan. He said it's a "no-point loan," but there would be a \$1,500 origination fee, a \$1,500 discount fee, a \$150 preparation fee and a \$250 escrow closing fee. The total fees of \$4,681 seem high. What is your opinion? — Thomas S.

Dear Thomas: Thank you for including a photocopy of the mortgage broker's good faith estimate. This clearly is not a "no-point" or "no-cost" mortgage.

Only the \$250 appraisal fee and \$20 credit report charge are reasonable. The lender's other fees are inflated, such as the \$200 underwriting fee, \$500 processing fee and \$180 document preparation fee. Your situation is typical, but your quoted 7.375 percent interest rate seems like a bargain. I hope you locked it in before the rates recently went up.

As you are refinancing, the \$3,000 total loan origination and discount fees are not tax deductible in the year paid. Instead, they must be amortized over the mortgage life. That's why I recommend getting a so-called no-cost mortgage at a slightly higher interest rate for refinancing.

Should single homeowner add sister's name to title?

Dear Bob: I am a single homeowner. I'm thinking about adding my sister's name to my title. She and her husband own their home, which they bought about a year ago. Are there any advantages or disadvantages if I add her name to the title? — Henry T.

Dear Henry: Adding your sister to your home's title could be a major mistake. If she gets into financial trouble, your home could then become liable for her debts. If you leave your home to her by your will, then your estate is subject to costly probate expenses and delays.

Put your home's title into a revocable living trust. You can then name your sister to receive title to the home and other major assets, but you can change the living trust at any time. She can also be named successor trustee in case you become incompetent, thus avoiding the ne-

cessity of a court-appointed conservator. An estate planning attorney can explain the advantages.

No special tax break for home loss when military base closes

Dear Bob: My wife and I paid \$74,000 for a condo where we lived for four years while stationed at George Air Force Base in California, which closed in 1992. Since then, the condo's value plummeted to about \$55,000. We owe \$64,000.

It is now rented for \$650 per month, with a \$613 FHA mortgage payment plus \$100 condo association fee. I am still in the military. Should I let the mortgage company have the condo rather than pay about \$15,000 out-of-pocket to sell? Are there any special programs for situations like mine when a military base closes and property values decline? — Lt. Col. Thomas C., USAF

Dear Thomas: I am not aware of any special government or FHA mortgage programs for situations like yours. If you let the FHA mortgage go into default, your credit will be ruined. Unfortunately, there's no easy answer to your question; however, if you sell at a loss, since it is rental property, that ordinary loss is deductible against your other ordi-

nary, taxable income. Please consult your tax advisor before deciding.

Why remove ex-wife from your mortgage?

Dear Bob: Last year, my wife and I bought a house using only my income to qualify for the mortgage. She had a part-time job that paid practically nothing. Now, we're getting a divorce.

I'm trying to get her name off my mortgage since I'm keeping the house as part of the settlement. The first and second mortgage companies want thousands of dollars to remove her name from the mortgages. It seems like a moneymaking scam to me. What options do I have? — Mr. J.C.

Dear Mr. J.C.: There's no advantage to getting your ex-wife off the mortgages. She might pressure you to do so, but that's her problem, not yours. Someday, you'll probably refinance.

Until then, don't worry about having your ex-wife's name on your home's mortgages.

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By the numbers

Some people have all the inspiration. What kind of super-creative type could come with the idea of a whole decorating scheme based on numbers, and end up on the cover of House Beautiful in the process?

Stephen Shubel of Shubel Design did just that in his quaint 1907 fisherman's cottage in Sausalito. Shubel, well-known in the Bay Area for his whimsical interiors, said guests and friends love the all black-and-white numeric theme of his home.

"It's kind of fun when I entertain, I have numbers on the dining room chairs, and so people will remember

that they're number four," he said.

The numeric theme is played out subtly throughout the six-room home, popping up in unexpected spots, like books, plates and pictures. Stripes complement the theme on pillows and on the floor.

Shubel has only one decorating rule:

"Throw out all the rules," he said. "I chose the number theme because I had never seen it before. I like doing things that are different. It's boring to do the same thing over and over again."

A good way to jump-start a lazy imagination is to find something that inspires you and use it as a starting point, he said.

"It can be a collection, an antique rug or period piece you just can't live without," he said. "Finding something you really love is a big part of it."

Think outside the box

Situations that appear to spell decorating disaster can actually be a good opportunity to do something a tad crazy. Shubel found one such decorating dilemma when Steve Silver, the late director of "Beach Blanket Babylon," asked him to decorate a tiny guest bedroom with way too many doors (six) at his Sonoma summer home.

Shubel started by tinting the whole room in an unpredictable shade of periwinkle. Next, he curtailed all four walls floor-to-ceiling, and then topped it off with a valance made of triangles. The valance is reminiscent of something you would see at a circus, but the result is totally practical, Shubel said.

"You can slide back the curtain anywhere to access a door," he said,

"and now the room no longer looks like a sea of doors."

Disrespect your antiques

Don't be afraid to mix in something quirky with your serious furniture.

At L'Elan in Walnut Creek, owners Jean DeFries and June Presley carry a collection of unique carved wooden animal statues that adventurous decorators are buying up. The giraffe, leopard and rooster statues, priced from \$65, are tall and slim, ranging from 3 to 5 feet high.

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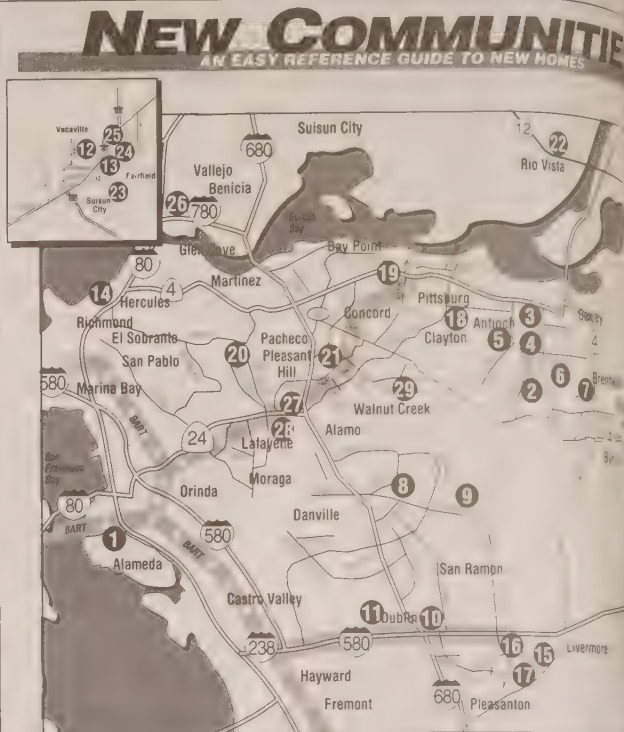
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Agents pitch in for kids' library furniture

From staff reports

The Friends of the Oakland Public Library are hard at work raising funds to purchase tables and chairs for new children's room at the Montclair branch.

The Friends' latest benefactors: Agents of Pacific Union Residential Brokerage of Montclair/Piedmont. This week, Pacific Union stepped to the plate with an undisclosed amount to propel library staff closer to their goal of \$38,000 for the children's room.

According to Pacific Union's Pat Dedekian, the brokerage firm hopes

to parlay its contribution with those of other Montclair residents — Dedekian said her firm promoted the fundraiser in its newsletter, which has been mailed to more than 7,000 homes in Montclair.

The fundraiser is part of a planned \$600,000 expansion that will provide more space to accommodate the vitality and popularity of the branch's child-oriented programs, such as its Wednesday morning story time.

Kathleen Hirooka, community relations librarian, said the FOPL plan to take the fund-raising effort to the merchants of Montclair shortly.

HOW TO HELP

■ To support the Friends of the Oakland Public Library, contact Kathleen Hirooka at 238-6713 or C.J. Hirschfield at 339-1808.

■ Mail donations to Friends of the Oakland Public Library—Montclair Branch, 721 Washington St., Oakland, CA, 94607.

■ Those who donate \$100 or more will have their names displayed on a plaque in the library.

FOPL have already received \$5,492 from individuals in the community as a result of mailings and notices posted inside the branch.

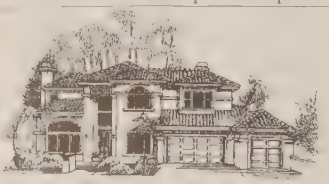
The first donation from the business community came in the form of a \$3,000 check from local real estate broker Nahid Nassiri.

Measure I, a general obligation bond passed by voters in 1996, provided funding for the library's growth.

However, the conditions of Measure I provide money only for structural improvements or expansion and cannot be used for furniture or materials to fill the new space.

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REDWOOD HEIGHTS MARKET UPDATE

A comparison of Multiple Listing Service home sales data for the first seven months of 1999 with data for the same period during 1998 tells the incredible story of the current Redwood Heights housing market. A continued low inventory of available homes relative to strong buyer demand caused average sales prices in Redwood Heights to increase dramatically. Overall, home prices have increased 16.02% during 1999. A breakdown according to the number of bedrooms follows:

REDWOOD HEIGHTS SALES ACTIVITY*

JANUARY - JULY, 1999

	2 BR	3 BR	4 OR MORE BR
# of Homes Sold	15	17	8
Lowest Price	\$180,000	\$152,500	\$260,000
Highest Price	\$350,000	\$365,000	\$491,000
Average Price	\$281,588	\$283,236	\$368,188
% Change	+17.53%	+7.15%	+20.69%

JANUARY - JULY, 1998

	2 BR	3 BR	4 OR MORE BR
# of Homes Sold	17	21	4
Lowest Price	\$177,700	\$150,000	\$272,000
Highest Price	\$291,000	\$369,000	\$326,750
Average Price	\$236,537	\$264,331	\$305,063

*Source: East Bay Regional Multiple Listing Service

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Nature, paint blend at Red Oak show

Light and color are the dominant themes in the watercolor landscape paintings of Berkeley artist Sonia Gill. Strong contrasts and intense colors evoke deep emotional responses from the viewer. Gill focuses on the intimate landscapes of her garden and her orchard. In Gill's landscapes, vistas transcend the traditional landscape genre and touch the universal.

Art lovers can see Gill's latest show, "Orchard Series," up close and personal at Red Oak Realty's art gallery in Berkeley. During this exhibit, Gill will donate a portion of her artwork sale proceeds to Red Oak's non-profit organization, the "Red Oak Opportunity Foundation" (ROOF). ROOF provides funding assistance to dozens of local charities which do not receive significant funding from other sources.

Creating paintings that manage to be realistic from afar and abstract close up, Gill adds an unusual and fresh approach to the long tradition of landscape painting.

"Magical moments defined by contrasts of light and dark spark strong emotions within me," she says.

Gill's art career began in 1976 when she entered California College of Arts and Crafts following eight years of teaching French. After graduating from CCAC in 1980 with a BFA in painting, Gill traveled in Europe for four months with her husband, fellow painter Bill Grieco.

In 1984 she began her "Cactus Series" of oils and watercolors of their Oakland garden. Her current "Orchard Series," based on their Yorkville orchard, was begun in 1995.

In addition to teaching at the Albany Adult School and the Martinez Senior Center (under the Auspices of the Martinez Adult School), Gill divides her time between studios in Berkeley and Yorkville.

She has participated in many shows in California and has won several awards including a purchase award by the San Francisco Arts Commission. Her work is in private collections throughout the United States.

To view or purchase these paintings, visit the Red Oak Gallery Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gill will be exhibiting her watercolors at the Red Oak Gallery at 1891 Solano Avenue in Berkeley from August 23 through October 22.



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Sonia Gill will be exhibiting her watercolors at the Red Oak Gallery at 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley from August 23, 1999 through October 22. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attend the artist's reception

A public artist's reception is scheduled for Friday, August 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. The newly opened Bistro Viola will donate a sampling of their hors d'oeuvres during the reception. For more information call 510-527-3387.

— Red Oak Realty



'LATE IN THE DAY' (top) and 'Golden Delicious' (above) are among the watercolors on display at the Red Oak Gallery through Oct. 22.

PROFESSIONALS ON THE GO

Denise Sonnier attends national leadership academy

Denise Sonnier, a senior loan consultant with Washington Mutual, attended a two-day leadership academy sponsored by the Women's Council of Realtors. Sonnier is the incoming president of the East Bay chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors. The annual leadership academy equipped 200 WCR chapter presidents-elect with skills to help them lead their chapters effectively and with confidence. Subjects covered networking, meeting management and industry trend-spotting.



Sonnier

Houses on the move

Rex A. House, a senior loan officer since 1987, is on the board of directors of the Oakland Association of Realtors. He has been released on a leave of absence to fill the position.

The Oakland Association of Realtors assists Realtors and distributing information by a consumer in the transaction.

Prudential Cal appoints new president

Prudential California recently announced the appointment of Edmond "Ed" Kravitz as its new executive Vice President. Ed is the \$4.2 billion firm's promotion comes on the record year in growth and expansion, including the announcement this May that Prudential California Realty Enterprises.

Katherine Grubb points the way

Katherine Grubb, a real estate specialist for 35 years, now is the executive vice president of Angelyne Pointe Real Estate. Her address: 4379 Piedmont Road. Call 510-855-4545.

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Be certain that you can service the debt

With rising home prices, the ARM may be your best alternative to get a home, any home, in the San Francisco Bay Area. The ARM can seem like a great second chance for the buyer who cannot qualify for a fixed rate, but review why you can't qualify. Will your income potential keep

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

"In a rising interest rate market, it is better to have an ARM that adjusts less frequently..."

up with the increasing payments?

Understand how the loan works

ARMs seem complicated because there are so many elements that drive the loan. Ask your loan officer to explain the index options — is it market driven (which can be volatile) or is it based on a 12 month weighted average? Does the payment rate adjust, or does the note rate (or both)? When does it adjust and what are the adjustment and life caps — how high

can they go? What is the fully indexed rate? What is the margin and what are the costs? Remember, with an ARM, you are often buying both the start rate and the margin. The margin will affect your payments over the life of the loan.

Do not focus on Annual Percentage Rate

There must be a couple hundred ARM loan products out there. Even if the loan adjustments could be predicted on a worst case scenario, it would be difficult at best to consider the APR as anything other than pure fiction. APR takes all the loan costs and factors them into the loan interest rate over the life of the loan.

It works for fixed rate loans, but without a crystal ball, it's impossible to accurately predict the future. Mine's been in the shop for years.

Margin or Index

Many people believe that the margin is the most important factor in an ARM. The margin is the profit that the lender adds to an index (usu-

ally related to some financial market that is not under the lenders control). The margin is fixed over the life of the loan.

The index, on the other hand, can change daily, weekly, monthly, annually — you name it. When considering the variety of indices, do not rely too heavily on past performance. While it is interesting, it may offer false security as it cannot predict the future.

Focus on the adjustment period. Some ARMs are more advantageous than others in certain circumstances, and it matters less which index is involved.

In a rising interest rate market, it is better to have an ARM that adjusts less frequently, such as the three-or

five-year fixed, to control rate increases. When rates are falling, a monthly adjustable is preferred.

Ignoring the accuracy of loan adjustments

ARMs are subject to mistakes with each rate adjustment. It's a matter of math and human error but it could end up costing you if you are making payments that are higher than they should be.

In order to dispute a lender's mistake, it is important to keep good records by setting up a mortgage file from the very beginning with your original mortgage paperwork that spells out the details of your adjustable rate mortgage. If you keep a log of each loan payment, the date

it was sent and when the check cleared you can keep track of how your loan is progressing. In addition, you should check the accuracy of rate adjustments by duplicating the lender's calculations. This will test whether you really understand the adjustment method.

Just another brain teaser in the game of Mortgage Madness.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached at 339-8511, fax: 339-3814, e-mail at KSenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion.

HOME HEALTH BRIEFS

CARPETS SPELL WALL-TO-WALL RISK

"You do not want to know what's in your wall-to-wall carpet," says Virginia Schomer, an interior designer in Mill Valley who runs Building Concerns, a nonprofit group dedicated to environmental building principles.

"You really don't want to know."

She prefers throw rugs that can be hauled out of the house regularly for thorough cleaning. Most people interested in healthy homes agree.

Even well-maintained, natural carpets fill with grime and microbes that no vacuum can remove, says Jed Waldman, chief of the Indoor Air Quality Section of the state Department of Health Service's Environmental Health Laboratory in Berkeley.

The Rug Doctor and similar steam-cleaning methods can get out spots. But he says they can also encourage the growth of mold beneath the rug if drying takes too long.

There is great controversy about chemical emissions from new carpets. Kibbey and some other environmental consultants oppose almost all synthetics. Victoria Schomer recommends that her clients buy natural fabric rugs, or low-emission synthetics.

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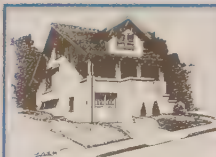
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Checklist simplifies estate planning

Getting your estate in order may seem overwhelming, but it can be simpler than you think. Here is a breakdown of the six basic steps that can be used to help protect your estate from hefty estate taxes and leave more assets to those you love.

Gather records

List all your assets, including all joint property and life insurance. Items to include may be: checking and savings accounts, personal property, stocks and any retirement plan accounts.

Do not forget to include all the assets for which you have designated beneficiaries; even though they may avoid a probate estate, they must be included to calculate estate tax. This step is also important if you want to designate equal or different amounts to different beneficiaries.

By taking an inventory of your assets and subtracting your liabilities, you will arrive at your estate value, or net worth. From there, you and your financial consultant can review all your assets and determine your potential estate-tax liability.

Identify goals

In this step the most important thing to determine is what you want your estate plan to accomplish. Think about your three most important financial goals and make sure that your plan reflects these goals.

You should identify the characteristics that make your family situation unusual. You may be in a second marriage, have beneficiaries with special needs, or a spouse with a different citizenship. These are all factors that may affect your final estate plan.

Evaluate estate-planning alternatives

Based on your net worth and your family situation, sit down with your financial consultant and evaluate what estate-planning strategies may best fit your situation. Some of the most commonly used strategies are a will, power of attorney, revocable living trust, credit shelter trust and irrevocable life insurance trust.

Also, choosing your trustee is a very important decision. Family members or close associates are always an option, but you could also

Money Matters



By Leila Gough

Put thought into your objectives, then review them with experts.

have a professional trustee for more complex functions.

Prepare to consult with your attorney

Regardless of the plan you choose, you will need an attorney to draft the appropriate documents. Be sure to select an attorney with a working style that matches yours and your estate-planning goals.

Also, make sure you are well-prepared to meet with your selected attorney. By keeping your paperwork organized and your objectives in mind, you will make the most out of your appointment as well as keep your attorney fees to a minimum.

Take action

After all the documents are drafted and you have signed them, it is time to put your plan into action. Make sure you place all the appropriate assets in your trust(s) and distribute copies of important documents to your trustee(s). You may also want to meet with any beneficiaries you designated to discuss your estate plan and explain how you intend the assets to be distributed.

Review your plan

You should review your plan at least once a year. There may be changes in your family situation, estate-planning objectives, financial situation or new legislation that may affect your current plan.

Taking the time to develop a successful estate plan is a commitment that those closest to you will benefit from for years to come.

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Societies focus on Bay Area history

From staff reports

Street and University Avenue. 510-642-5215. Visit www.berkeley.edu.

Crockett

Crockett Historical Museum. The museum houses old photos of Crockett, Valona, Rodeo and Port Costa, and preserves tools, toys, pins, hats, flatirons, kitchen utensils, and books. Tours by appointment. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Across the tracks from the C&H Sugar refinery at 906 Loring Ave. 510-871-2178.

El Cerrito

The El Cerrito Historical Society meets on the second Thursday of January, April, July and October. Artifacts and documents can be found at the Public Library, 6500 Stockton Ave., P.O. Box 304, El Cerrito, 94530, or call Art Schroeder at 510-525-0177.

El Sobrante

Dynamite Plant. A few remnants of the old dynamite plant, which started operations in 1881 and gave the city its reason for being, can still be seen between San Pablo Avenue and the Bay. During World War II, the plant produced about a million pounds of dynamite a month and employed around 350 people. The plant closed in the 1970s.

On the hill just above the plant are its former headquarters buildings, and the Historic Clubhouse, which is used for community events.

Pinole

The Pinole Historical Society meets several times a year, runs occasional field trips and publishes a newsletter. The society houses its collection of local newspapers, which date from 1896, at the Pinole Library, and its other collections in a historic caboose at the Fernandez Mansion. Call Nina Zeiler, president, at 510-758-5324.

Pinole Valley Park. This attractive 231-acre park (developed in 1986), with playing fields, picnic sites and wooded trails, is more historic than it looks. Huchin Indians lived along the creek before Europeans arrived, and two of the best preserved prehistoric Indian sites in the county are in the park. Ruins of the old Don Ygnacio Martinez adobe are buried in the park to protect it from vandals. Martinez, a military commander, was the original owner of the Rancho El Pinole, which he received as a land grant from the Spanish. He settled in Pinole in the mid-1820s. Pinole Valley road at Savage Avenue.

Richmond

Richmond History Room. The Richmond Collection at the main branch of the Richmond Public li-

brary has a rich history of local history, including a pointment in the history of the city. There are also a lot of books and a lot of photos of the city's history.

The Richmond History Room. The Richmond History Room is a place where you can find out more about the history of the city. It has a lot of books and a lot of photos of the city's history.

Farm tools. A vintage room, parlor and dining room all on display. Fourth Street. 1 to 4 p.m. days through Sunday.

Point Richmond. The est neighborhood rears and early 20th Century and residential buildings. The flavor of the past. The Point Richmond Museum, in the town, has been restored. In 1903 appeared. The Richmond History Room meets five times a month. A newsletter. This from museum is open 11:30 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. Washington Ave. Call at 510-232-4317.

Possession proves critical in closing sale

OPINION

By Ronald R. Rossi

KNIGHT RIDDER/TRUE BUSINESS NEWS

In my younger days, I used to trade baseball cards. A cardinal rule was that you never gave up possession of your card without receiving the one in trade at the same time.

Possession has been important for a long time. Well before I was trading in baseball cards, back in 1596, King Edward III coined the phrase, plus various versions, "possession is nine points of the law," or "possession is nine-tenths of the law."

Unfortunately, some real estate agents fail to understand how serious problems can be created (1) when there is a tenant in possession; (2) when the buyer takes possession early (before close of escrow); and (3) when the seller stays in possession after close of escrow.

Why would anyone allow a buyer

to purchase a house and close escrow without having possession of the home?

We recently handled a case in which a young couple was selling a small condominium and moving up to their first small home. The home was owned by a real estate agent who had been renting the property to a tenant on a supposedly month-to-month basis.

The buyers' agent failed to ask for the rental agreement between the owner and the tenant. Everyone assumed that the tenant would move before the close of escrow.

The buyers closed escrow but when they tried to move in, they found that the tenants were under a one-year lease, and subject to Governmental Section 8 Subsidized Housing Rules to boot. So they had to make loan payments before they could move in, and indeed had to move in with relatives since they couldn't afford to pay for the property and a separate rental.

There are several important issues when there is a tenant-in-possession. They include:

■ The buyer must receive a legible copy of the current rental agreement.

■ The buyer must receive an estoppel certificate signed by the tenant. This sets forth the rent, the term of the lease and other agreements between the landlord and tenant.

■ The brokers and agents involved should ascertain when the tenancy ends and how long will it take to terminate the tenancy.

■ The contract should provide whether or not the tenant has to be out before close of escrow. If so, have proper notices been given? Have they been reviewed? Has the tenant agreed to move?

■ What are the actual names of all parties in possession? They should be obtained because if an eviction is necessary, it will be difficult to evict without names.

■ Does the contract specify what

belongs to the tenant and with the house?

■ Does the contract specify for return of the security deposit? How long? When will it be transferred? Due or other charges?

Occasionally, tenants deposit money into an escrow account. What does the contract specify who is responsible for these repairs? Is there a provision in the contract to hold back proceeds to cover these repairs?

■ If the contract requires a tenant to vacate prior to close, are there provisions to happen if the tenant does not?

■ Is the seller willing to have the tenant

Ronald R. Rossi, Esq., has been a real estate attorney in the firm Liccardo, Rossi & McNeil, based in San Francisco.

OPEN HOMES

ALBANY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
514 Masonic Ave.	4 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$343,000
Kenn Blatter (510) 339-8900	237 La Salle Properties		
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Kenn Blatter (510) 339-8900	237 La Salle Properties		
552 Ordway St.	2 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$348,700
Lee Jacobson (510) 339-5460	Pacific Union		
905 Perilla	3 Bdrms.	2-4	\$319,000
Jane Allen (510) 524-9889	223 Berkeley Hills Realty		

BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1312 & 1314 Addison	-	2-4:30	\$349,000
Susan Ellison (510) 287-8818	Prudential California Rty.		
809 Arlington Ave.	5 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$659,000
Mark Altano, Better Homes, (510) 287-5674			
460 Arlington	6 Bdrms.	2-4	\$535,000
Red Oak (510) 527-3387	x203		

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Red Oak (510) 527-3387	x203		
2165 Ashby Ave.	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$222,000
Alisa Melash (510) 527-2700	335 Marvin Gardens		

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Alisa Melash (510) 527-2700	335 Marvin Gardens		
2823 Benvenue	7 Bdrms.	2-6	\$825,000
Red Oak (510) 527-3387	x408		

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Red Oak (510) 527-3387	x408		
3048 Carlsen	2 Bdrms.	1-4	\$244,000
James Town Realty Inc., Louis Bassel, 800-398-9008			

1715 Cedar Street	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$389,000
Sally Madden, Prudential CA Realty 510-526-5143			
1070 Euclid Ave.	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$565,000
Wells & Bennett, Rose Marie Bird, (510) 819-6110			

2543 Hilgard	9 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$725,000
Victor Fiero 510-339-8900, LaSalle Properties			
514 Masonic Ave.	4 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$725,000
Victor Fiero, (510) 339-8900, LaSalle Properties			

BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
78 San Mateo Rd.	4 Bdrms.	2-6	\$1,000,000
Bebe McRae (510) 652-2133	x145 Templeton Co.		
1740 Sonoma	3 Bdrms.	2-4	\$535,000
Joan Brunswick (510) 524-9888	x12, Berkeley Hills Realty		

1255 Spruce St.	2 Bdrms.	2-4	\$395,000
Marlene (510) 652-2133	x121 Templeton Co.		

EL CERRITO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
7995 Terrace Dr.	- Bdrms.	1-6	\$439,000
Ruth (510) 652-2133	x147 Templeton Co.		

EL SOBRANTE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
930 St. Andrews	3 Bdrms.	2-4	\$175,000
Rayne Palmer, Prudential CA Realty 510-526-5143			

EMERYVILLE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
4300 Horton St. #1	1 Bdrms.	12-2	\$375,000
Lofts Unlimited, Ray Kaliski, 415-546-3100	x13		

HERCULES

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
613 Devonwood	2 Bdrms.	1-4	\$141,000
By Owner 510-724-4039			

KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
123 York Ave.	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$384,000
Della Corrao (510) 527-0211, Millstein & Assoc.			

118 York Ave.	3 Bdrms.	2-4	\$450,000
Todd Hodson (510) 527-8111, Marvin Gardens			

MARTINEZ

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2203 Spring Lake Dr.	4 Bdrms.	1-4	\$359,000
Cook, broker 925-872-5646			

MONTCLAIR

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5970 Grizzly Peak	-	2-4:30	\$575,000
Laurel Strand, Prudential, 510-339-8301			

OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6680 Alken Dr.	2 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$519,000
Chuck Convin, (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union			

5642 Army Dr.	3 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$479,000
Gabby Team 510-748-5300	Homes Link		
3218 82nd Ave.	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$152,500
Sandy Stanley 510-834-2010	Prudential California Rty.		

4033 Bonner Ave.	2 Bdrms.	1-5	\$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Wicky Falk, 510-339-4700			
389 Belmont Ave.	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30pm	\$138,500
Patty Bulmer, (510) 531-7000	x238, Wells & Bennett		

300 Bietto Court	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$369,000
David Orno, Prudential CA Realty 510-339-9290			
6899 Bristol Drive	4 Bdrms.	2-6	\$679,000
Charles Levine, Solomon Williamson, 925-253-2910			

697 Calmar	4 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$649,000
Sue Williams, (510) 482-5077	LaSalle Properties		
834 Calmar	3 Bdrms.	2-4	\$574,000
Lynn Tilsen 510-834-9033	Investco		

5915 Colby	2 Bdrms.	2-6	\$319,000
Goldwell Banker, Ruby Hylam Lum, 510-339-4700			
6350 Contra Costa	4 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$699,000
Prudential, Mary Roth Armstrong 510-339-9290			

4117 Coolidge Ave.	2 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$345,000
Sandi Klemmer/Dick Cohen (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union			
4393 Detroit	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$379,500
Diane E. McCann, (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union			

72 Edgemont Way	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$399,000
Douglas Homes 510-339-9290	Prudential California Rty.		
824 E. 26th St.	3 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$238,000
Maia Strickland, (510) 287-9596	Better Homes		

6629 Foster Drive	2 Bdrms.	2-6	\$699,000
Jack Bronneman, Coldwell Banker, 510-339-4700			
10200 Foothill Blvd.	2 Bdrms.	2-4	\$185,000
Greg Schofield 510-845-0200	Prudential California Rty.		

3881 Forest Hill Ave.	2 - Bdrms.	2-5pm	\$310,000
John Bickley, (510) 769-1605, Brickley RE			
3963 Forest Hill	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$239,000
Jerene Lippincott, Better Homes, (510) 655-7137			

4721 Geranium Pl.	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$349,000
Victor Jin, Agent 510-523-1115			
1680 Grandview Dr.	5 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$895,000
David Ichikawa, (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union			

1630 Grandview Dr.	3 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$735,000
Bonnie Hirsch, (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union			

OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3312 Gordo Street	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$297,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Meadow 510-531-7000	x288		

3205 Hannah St. #6	-	2-6	\$199,000
Vanessa Timon Smith 510-524-5256	Prudential California Rty.		
7627 Hansen Dr.	4 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$399,000
Rosemary Green, (510) 635-9842	Better Homes		

1016 Harvard Rd.	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$370,000
Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantini, 510-339-4700			
6695 Heartwood	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$347,888
Ben - David, Prudential CA Realty 510-339-9290			

3115 Herriott St.	2 - Bdrms.	2-4:30pm	\$165,000
Heidi Taggle, (510) 531-7000	x286, Wells & Bennett		
3 Bdrms.	2-4:30pm	\$349,500	

11 Hillcrest Ct.	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$349,500
Tom Emley 510-339-8900	x230 LaSalle Properties		
3871 Lily St.	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$319,000
Vicki Woodhead, (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union			

3840 Lakeshore Ave.	4 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$399,500
Early Lane, Prudential CA Realty 510-339-9290			

3790 Latimer St.	2 Bdrms.	2-4:30pm	\$189,000
Kate Phillips, (510) 436-4100, Wells & Bennett			
1539 Leimert	4 Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$449,000
Nalid Nassiri 510-339-8400, Montclair Better Homes			

San, 1-4	2 Bdrms.	1-4	\$249,000
Debbie Ruffalo, Leticia 925-975-5263			
6400 Longcraft	4 - Bdrms.	2-4:30	\$675,000
Montclair Better Homes, Ad. Nassiri 510-339-4000			

5477 Masonic	3 Bdrms.	2-4:30</
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WEEKLY HOME SALES

Compiled by TitleTech

On the average

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 19
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$123,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$510,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$285,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$298,579

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$180,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$368,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$206,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$242,500

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 26
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$194,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$860,500
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$345,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$395,404

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$137,500
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$426,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$280,000

KENSINGTON

6363 Christie Av #405 - \$156,000
 6363 Christie Av #624 - \$156,000

OAKLAND

17 Kingston Rd - \$370,000

EL SOBRANTE

715 Hillgirt Ct - \$260,000
 5482 Holland St - \$149,500
 7615 Holly St - \$125,000
 3877 Howe St #303 - \$107,000
 32 Kimberley Ct - \$380,000
 1555 Lakeside Dr #54 - \$196,000
 4069 Lincoln Av - \$206,000
 5312 Locksley Av - \$243,000
 5435 MacArthur Bl - \$165,000
 3351 Madera Av - \$75,000
 50 Mandalay Rd - \$340,000
 4320 Market St - \$136,000
 2615 Maxwell Av - \$196,000
 2642 Maxwell Av - \$254,000
 3303 Maybelle Wy - \$130,000
 4057 Mera St - \$180,000
 3129 Minna Av - \$150,000
 4273 Montgomery St - \$340,000
 9460 Mountain Bl - \$254,000
 26 Murdock Ct - \$120,000
 4263 Norton Av - \$305,000
 750 Oakland Av #204 - \$123,000
 6725 Oakwood Dr - \$583,000
 3200 Park Bl - \$207,000
 20 Perth Pl - \$935,000
 3470 Pierson St - \$244,000
 29 Portsmouth Rd - \$435,000
 950 Rose Av - \$542,500
 650 Santa Ray Av - \$607,000
 3018 Seminary Av - \$164,000
 175 Sequoyah View Dr - \$313,500
 6425 Snake Rd - \$535,000
 1063 Stanford Av - \$155,000
 3229 Star Av - \$83,000
 9874 Toler Av - \$125,000
 649 Tyler St - \$79,000
 5834 Vallejo St - \$665,000
 325 Vernon St #401 - \$215,000
 3611 Virden Av - \$335,000
 4500 Virginia Av - \$203,000
 5324 Walnut St - \$198,000
 438 Wayne Av - \$285,000
 1107 Wellington St - \$265,000
 7237 Wild Current Wy - \$455,000
 41 Wildwood Gd - \$885,000

EL SOBRANTE

1766 Woodhaven Wy - \$471,000
 7331 Woodrow Dr - \$399,000
 5927 Zinn Dr - \$625,000

EL SOBRANTE

22 Craig Av - \$1,275,000
 200 Crocker Av - \$2,025,000
 255 King Av - \$1,685,000
 310 La Salle Av - \$1,425,000
 12 Marlborough Ct - \$2,395,000
 1116 Oakland Av - \$365,000
 18 Sandringham Rd - \$1,220,000
 220 St. James Dr - \$1,500,000

EL SOBRANTE

338 15th St - \$87,500
 1628 1st St - \$124,000
 2843 20th St - \$150,000
 626 34th St - \$150,000
 116 6th St - \$88,000
 5481 Allison Ln - \$315,000
 1524 Amador St - \$136,000
 1540 Amador St - \$115,000
 3045 Avon Ln - \$117,000
 713 Banks Dr - \$104,000
 4253 Bell Av - \$190,000
 2008 Burbuck Av - \$90,000
 5147 Carriage Dr - \$309,000
 5192 Carriage Dr - \$285,000
 2725 Chanslor Av - \$125,000
 1322 Fascination Ct - \$290,000
 2432 Fisher St - \$170,000
 3401 Fleetwood Dr - \$240,000
 2533 Garvin Av - \$125,000
 2035 Gaynor Av - \$90,000
 2840 Gonzaga Av - \$172,000
 1258 Greenway Dr - \$215,000
 3127 Henderson Dr - \$138,000
 16 Hidalgo Ct - \$170,000
 1511 Laurel Av - \$240,000
 1512 Letitia Rd - \$91,000
 2855 Lincoln Av - \$139,000
 5416 Martin Ct - \$240,000
 3033 May Rd - \$189,000
 1207 Meiville Sq #115 - \$83,500

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AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$301,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$106,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$162,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$134,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$156,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$156,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$0
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$156,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$370,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$370,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$370,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 86
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$75,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$935,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$196,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$250,535

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$365,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,395,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$1,425,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$1,480,250

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 49
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$80,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$595,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$150,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$183,908

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 24
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$110,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$425,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$229,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$222,354

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$135,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$275,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$195,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$206,438

934 Begier Av - \$252,000
 450 Bred Av - \$278,000
 1400 Carpenter St #236 - \$145,000
 837 Chetland Rd - \$325,000
 2029 Cleveland St - \$225,000
 746 Dolores Av - \$272,000
 2007 Dolphin Ct - \$125,000
 14059 Doolittle Dr #7 - \$147,000
 14911 Emb Tide St - \$236,000
 15396 Edgemoor St - \$245,000
 2344 Fairway Dr - \$160,000
 15977 Gramercy Dr - \$250,000
 14481 Kings Ct - \$135,000
 14245 Maracaibo Rd - \$229,000
 821 Martin Bl - \$182,000
 16311 Mateo St - \$225,000
 131 Oakes Bl - \$255,000
 774 Sybil Av - \$230,000
 1450 Thrush Av #13 - \$110,000
 14340 Trinidad Rd - \$275,500
 530 Victoria Ct - \$233,000
 15335 Washington Av #11 - \$137,000
 14398 White St - \$210,000

SAN LORENZO

831 Delano St - \$195,000
 948 Elgin St #5 - \$135,000
 1585 Via Amigos - \$275,000
 16068 Via Arroyo - \$240,000
 1657 Via Buena Vista - \$242,000
 16148 Via Lupine - \$187,000
 620 Via Mirabel - \$177,500
 1716 Via Ventana - \$200,000

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HOME HEALTH BRIEFS

Mold and dry rot

Mold can destroy your home's structural integrity and can smell and cause illnesses, including allergic reactions and asthmatic symptoms. Mold can suggest that homeowners check their homes for evidence of mold and dry rot, looking for discolored walls and pools of water. Pay particular attention to places that are leaked — beneath windows, under your sink.

The state Department of Health sources, which publishes a handy page guide "Mold in My Home: What Can I Do?", says mold can enter your home from flooding, backed-up sewers, humidifiers, house plants, and from cooking and showering, and drying your clothes on an indoor line.

"If you can see mold, or if there is an earthy or musty odor, you can assume you have a mold problem," the guide states. Moldy materials should not simply be cleaned, the guide says. They should be thrown

away. Mold can be particularly insidious if it starts growing within your walls or in the floorboards. Moisture around the foundation is a cause for concern, as is poor flash-

ing around windows and doors. The American Lung Association suggests that people keep their gutters clean and repair basement cracks. The EPA suggests that people adequately vent their attics and basements.

Get the lead out

Lead can be a serious problem, particularly for children who live in older houses and have access to chips or flakes of lead paint. For information about lead paint, call the

National Lead Information Center and Clearinghouse at 800-424-LEAD. You can surf the Net for information. Visit www.epa.gov/lead/nlic.htm. Alameda County, call 510-567-8280.

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Dunning

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is in escrow. From the seller's perspective, this is the worst time.

Besides being an extremely unpleasant surprise for all parties, the buyer will most likely request the seller pay for the work. If the seller refuses, the sale may be rescinded and the home placed back on the market.

Pre-sale inspections

I have had three instances this year alone where one of my sellers became conscious of a faulty foundation from the pre-sale inspection. Although the news was disagreeable, all three were relieved to know about it before the home went on the market.

In two of the cases, they had owned the property less than six years. In retrospect, they both wished they had known enough to have hired an engineer to check the foundation at the time of the transaction. Although the need for foundation work causes some marketing problems, they are nothing compared to what happens when they surface during the sale.

Hire a reliable inspector

Buyers in this area commonly hire professional home inspectors to examine the house. As with any ser-

vice, quality can vary greatly. The inspector's most important job is to tell you if there are any high-priced structural, health or safety issues with the property.

There is no excuse for an inspector to miss a defective foundation. Among the clues are foundation cracks of 1/4-inch or more in width; bowing; settling floors and doors out of alignment; and evidence of soil movement around the property. Insufficient drainage is another possible indication as it may cause foundation damage.

When observing these signs, a competent inspector will suggest review by an appropriate engineer. Experienced Realtors will be able to recommend one.

Get written engineering specs

Most engineers charge \$300 to \$500 to inspect a house foundation. Make sure you get a written report whether or not work is required. If there is a problem, you will want the engineer to give you a sketch and calculations for repair.

Bear in mind that there are usually several options on how to handle this dilemma. When it is the buyer having the inspections, the engineer is usually asked to provide the "best" solution. Invariably, this means the most expensive one. Sellers, conversely, ask the engineer for the least costly approach.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Long-run pay-off

If the bill for remodeling work on your house takes your breath away, take comfort from this prediction: "If past experience is any indication, market values in most neighbor-

hoods will eventually increase enough to at least cover the cost of a remodeling." New Choices magazine reports. "That won't be true, however, if you build yourself the only Taj Mahal on your block or add something few people want, like a swimming pool."

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1680 GRANDVIEW DR., CLAREMONT HILLS - 5+BD/3+BA\$895,000
Fabulous new Bay view contemporary w/custom fixtures & designer colors. Spacious bonus room. David Ichikawa

1830 GRANDVIEW DR., CLAREMONT HILLS - 3+BD/2+BA\$735,000
Hillside retreat w/great Bay view, low maintenance lot, spacious home office, deluxe master suite. Bonnie Hirsch

6680 AIKEN DR., MONTCLAIR - 2+BD/3BA\$519,000
New listing! Gorgeous contemporary in pristine condition, private double lot, au pair potential. Chuck Corwin

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New listing! Updated home w/walls of glass, privacy views. New paint & carpet, expansion potential. Teri Carlisle

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Architect-designed brown shingle w/one-level living, family room, patio, 2-car garage. Wendy Gombert

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Between the Lines

By Mike McGreehan

'Rose Rule' stinks, Pete deserves in

To produce a definitive Pete Rose highlight reel, one could choose from a number of clips during his illustrious career.

Perhaps it would include footage of one of Rose's famous head-first slides. Black-and-white highlights of Rose's 1963 rookie year would add a nice touch. So too would Rose's 1978 campaign, which included his 3,000th career hit as well as his National League record-tying 44-game hitting streak. Add to this, his record-breaking 4,192nd career hit in 1985.

Oh, and let's not forget Rose's 1970 All-Star Game performance. You know, the one where he bowls over Ray Fosse to score the winning run.

All of these highlights and more would help define the career of one of the greatest players of the 20th century: a player worthy of a place in baseball's Hall of Fame.

It was 10 years ago this week that the late commissioner Bart Giamatti declared Rose "permanently ineligible" for employment in baseball.

From that point on, Rose's life went from the highest heights to the lowest depths. He served time for tax evasion. And in February 1991, the Hall of Fame's board of directors announced that any former player on baseball's ineligible list would never be a candidate for the Hall of Fame. Rose would have been eligible for election for the first time on the next writers' ballot.

The so-called "Pete Rose Rule" is a stupid edict that never should have gone into effect. It should be rescinded immediately.

First of all, no evidence exists that Pete Rose ever threw or fixed a game—a cardinal sin in any sport.

Secondly, the evidence to the contrary is overwhelming.

At the time of that aforementioned 1970 All-Star Game, Rose was already quite an accomplished player. Rose was 29 that summer and in the midst of his fifth 200-hit season. Five more 200-hit seasons would follow en route to a record 10.

Rose would play in his first World Series that fall. He later played in five more before calling it quits.

Rose won the NL batting championship the previous two seasons. He was the NL Rookie of the Year in 1963 and surpassed the 1,500-career-hit mark during that 1970 season.

But Rose had yet to reach his peak. He won a third batting title in 1973, reaching a career-high 230 hits that season and earning a Most Valuable Player award along the way. He was the World Series MVP when the Reds finally won it all by beating the Red Sox in 1975. He won another World Series with the Reds the following year and third with the Phillies in 1980.

Rose was the talk of baseball again in 1978 by first surpassing the aforementioned 3,000-hit plateau and later tying Wee Willie Keeler's National League-record hitting streak.

Then of course, who could forget that magic night of Sept. 11, 1985, when Rose surpassed Ty Cobb on the all-time hit list with his single off San Diego's Eric Show.

In all, Rose played 24 seasons, batting over 300 in 15 of them. He led the NL in hits seven times, in doubles five times and in runs four times.

Rose retired in 1986 having collected not only a record 4,256 career hits, but he had also played in a record 3,562 games. Rose is second on the all-time list in doubles with 746. His 2,165 career runs rank fourth.

In addition, Rose legged out 135 triples, stole 198 bases and hit 160 home runs.

True, Rose's swagger and braggadocio were often irritating. His talents on the diamond did not help him away from baseball. Reportedly, he was a lousy husband to his first wife and a lousy father to their two kids.

Still, to keep Pete Rose out of the Hall of Fame is not only ridiculous, it's hypocritical.

Among the Hall of Fame inductees are racists, womanizers, drunks and other misfits. Ty Cobb was a miserable excuse for a human being. And Babe Ruth wasn't exactly a teetotaler during Prohibition.

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JAMES SCARBOROUGH of Berkeley represented the United States at the World Orienteering Championship in Inverness, Scotland.

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Running for the mind

Scarborough uses brain and brawn to compete in international orienteering

By Mike McGreehan

Imagine yourself in a cross-country race or a marathon. In each, you cover a specified distance over a well-defined trail or course.

Now imagine yourself running those same grueling, demanding events over paths that aren't so well defined.

Welcome to the sport of orienteering. Actually, an orienteering course is defined. Runners just need to use their compasses and detailed topographical maps to figure it out.

As the U.S. Orienteering Federation puts it, "This is a race: a footrace, a thought race, a cross-country running sport for the puzzle-solver, the thinker."

An orienteering map shows the various checkpoints a runner must reach before completing a race. It's up to the runner to actually find them. An experienced orienteer can also shave any number of minutes off his race by determining the easiest routes between the checkpoints.

A fair sport

"It's a very fair sport," said Skyline High School and UC-Berkeley graduate James Scarborough. "Nobody knows the terrain or knows the route beforehand. Nobody sees the map until just before the race."

Scarborough traveled to Scotland earlier this month to compete in the biennial World Orienteering Championships, held this year in Inverness, Scotland.

"I was trying to make the final in the short-distance event," said Scarborough, "but I missed that goal by two places."

The World Orienteering Championships bring together the top five male and female competitors. Though only 25, Scarborough was representing the United States for the fourth time in this prestigious event.

Scarborough first competed in a world

championships at age 19 in 1993. He's already looking ahead to the next world championships in Norway two years from now.

Even then, Scarborough looks to be one of the youngest members of the U.S. national team.

In Scotland this year, Joe Brautigam, 37, was Scarborough's oldest teammate on the men's side. Mark Everett was the next oldest at 30.

The U.S. women's team was even more of a veteran squad led by a pair of 39-year-olds, Eileen Breseman and Peggy Dickinson, and 38-year-old Pavlina Brautigam, Joe's wife.

"World-class orienteers tend to be in their mid-30s, whereas world-class track-and-field athletes tend to be in their mid-20s," said Scarborough. "A lot of it has to do with the long-distance nature of the sport as well as the technical demands. By being smarter, you may be able to beat someone who runs faster."

Orienteering, though, is a sport for all ages. Like Scarborough, U.S. men's team runner Eric Bone is 25. Pete Nelson, a recent graduate of West Point, was the youngest American man to make the trip to Scotland at 22.

On the women's side, Karen Williams is 24 and Sandra Zurcher went to Scotland at 18.

Wide draw

"(Orienteering) has a mental or technical challenge to it that draws the computer programmer types, the medical types as well as athletes," said Scarborough, who recently earned a master's degree in Environmental Planning from Cal. "It draws people of all age, even men up in their 80s."

Running and orienteering have long been part of Scarborough's life. His fa-

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Maher is Golden

Versatile Olympic gold medalist signs as assistant for Cal Golden Bears softball

By Mike McGreehan

Versatility has served many players well. Baseball Hall of Famers Hank Greenberg, Stan Musial and Robin Yount each won Most Valuable Player awards at two positions. Fellow Cooperstown inductees Ernie Banks and future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken both moved to different positions after winning two MVPs as shortstops.

Versatility also has been the cornerstone of Kim Maher's stellar softball career.

Maher, now an Oakland resident, was state player of the year as a pitcher in high school, an All-American as a shortstop in college and a gold-medal winner as a left fielder with the U.S. Olympic team in Atlanta in 1996.

Maher hopes to continue playing at the international level. But she will soon add something new to her resume. Maher recently was hired as an assistant to Diane Nimemire at Cal.

Softball has been very, very good to Kim Maher. Now the Bears hope that Maher can be very, very good for their program.

"We're still going over (what Maher's specific duties will be)," said Maher. "But to my understanding, I'm going to work with hitting and maybe infield or outfield. I'm there to learn and I'm going to take

Maher was born in Vietnam but raised in Ventura. Her Olympic experience is just the pinnacle of an impressive resume she brings to her new job at Cal.

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Maher will get some valuable coaching experience. She'll also have a busy schedule next year.

Maher, who is currently with the USA Women's Fastpitch "B" team, will try to make her way back to the Olympics, which will take place in Sydney, Australia, next year.

Maher was named to the "B" squad during tryouts for the Pan American Games earlier this year. The "A" team went to this year's Pan Am Games, which were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, ear-

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KIM MAHER shows her powerful swing as a member of the US Olympic softball team.

Strykers getting a good rap

Bay Oaks win a national futsal title and cut a rap CD

By Peter Mentor

"Who are we? . . . Strykers in the house," goes the refrain from the rap song by the team of the same name. They've been on the WB TV-20 news, KMEL radio and Radio Disney's Kid Talk doing their rap single.

So who are the Strykers? They're a group of 10- and 11-year-old girls who just happen to be the best futsal team for their age group in the United States.

The team won the 1999 National Futsal Championship in the 12-under age bracket at Alameda Point in June.

Futsal is 5-on-5 soccer played indoors on a basketball court with a smaller, denser ball. It's a faster, more intense version of the outdoor game with shots taken every few seconds.

The Strykers are a Class-1 Bay Oaks soccer/futsal team of 16 players whittled down from the 78 girls who tried out. They play both in the indoor futsal season and the regular outdoor soccer season, which just began July 16.

Already the team was 6-1-2 for the outdoor season before its last tournament. The Strykers, made up of players from Berkeley, Piedmont, Oakland and Alameda, came back from a tournament in Santa Barbara after winning one and tying two games. Before that they played in the California Cup, where they went 5-1 and finished in the top four of the tournament.

Futsal spurs rap

But it was the futsal tournament that got the Strykers recognition and spurred on the idea of a rap single.

The team placed second in the California State Cup, but was given the right to go for the national title when the first place-team bowed out. The Strykers had to assemble a team, which meant adding a couple of guest players.

The Strykers won the national championship playing against girls older and bigger than they are. They were invited to go to Europe for an international tournament, but they didn't have the money to go.

The team is made up of players from all over the area with a strata of ethnicities and economic circumstances, but the players all have a love of soccer in common.

After playing soccer one day the team went to Laura Terry-Green's house for a pool party. While there they decided to do a rap song, which they recorded in Laura's dad's home studio. Charles Green is a musician and he recorded the girls' voices over five hours, then mixed the song later

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with Strykers coach Henry Guevara and some parent's voices dubbed in.

The team decided it would use the rap single as a fund-raiser. Being so young, there were not a lot of ways for the Strykers to raise money for the expense of playing distant tournaments. They now have backing for the one-song CD, which has already gotten a lot of attention on television and the radio.

After going on the WB, some team members were recognized outside at Jack London Square.

"It was kind of surprising," said 11-year-old Lyndsey Arita. "They said, 'Oh, are you guys the Strykers? We saw you on TV.' It's pretty special for us."

Arita, who lives in Berkeley and is one of five team players who attend the Head-Royce School in Oakland, said it was fun going into the studio. Each team member got to do a solo rap, based on her own jersey number.

The raps are a bit of bragging and a kind of challenge for other teams. "My name is Laura and I'm number 14," says Terry-Green in the song, "and I'll take the ball away from any member of your team."

The music is played at games. It challenges not only the other teams, but makes the Strykers challenge each other as well.

"They are fun to be with because they are all really funny," Conchita Guevara, the youngest member of the team at 10 and daughter of the coach, said about her teammates. "They make jokes about how we play. That makes us better because when they tell jokes it makes us work hard."

Guevara played on the under-10 Strykers futsal team that also won the national title this year for that age group. She did that before playing on the older under-12 team.

The under-12 Strykers had to come back from a 2-0 halftime deficit to win the national title game. Guevara was honest about the team's

slow start. "We didn't have much confidence," she said. "Before the game we all went to junk food. That may have slowed us down."

The second half went the Strykers' way. Piedmont's Rosie Aguilera scored a goal that got the team juiced. Liz Controneo of Oakland scored to tie the game, then Aguilera put in the go-ahead goal at 3-2 with five minutes remaining.

"I scored a goal and it just kind of pumped up the team," said Aguilera of her first goal. The Strykers forward, who enters seventh grade at Piedmont Middle School this fall, also scored the eventual game-winner, but she couldn't celebrate yet. "We just had to celebrate really quickly and then go back on defense."

Most of the Strykers players said goalie Danielle Vega pulled out the win for the team. Futsal is usually a high-scoring game and Vega allowed only two goals. That was enough to garner her the tournament MVP.

"Danielle was doing really good, but when she went to soccer camp she got even better," said Guevara of her teammate.

The Strykers have a pride in their accomplishments, but another source of pride is the team's cohesiveness and their rainbow coalition appearance.

"We have all kinds of ethnic backgrounds on our team," said Terry-Green. "It's great to know that we can all get along."

The girls were inspired by the U.S. women's team winning the Women's World Cup this year. In fact, they got to be on the field in San Jose during one of the World Cup games held there.

"A few girls on my team got to be in the opening performances at San Jose," said Nateanah Fripp. "We got to do some running and dribbling when they introduced the countries."

Fripp said the team didn't mind not going to Europe after winning the U.S. title because of funding, but it would have been nice. "Europe? I didn't really know much about it," she said. "We take what we can get."

Not all the Strykers liked listening to themselves on the tape, but this is a team that sticks together. Aguilera and Piedmont's Katherine Rosenfeld, one of the most talented players on the team, did not sing. Oakland's Jessica Humphrey and Molly McClary and Alameda's Gabrielle Assayag did.

The team is accepting donations with all proceeds going toward future tournaments. A contribution of \$5 or more will get you the CD single. For information call Jane Green

Running

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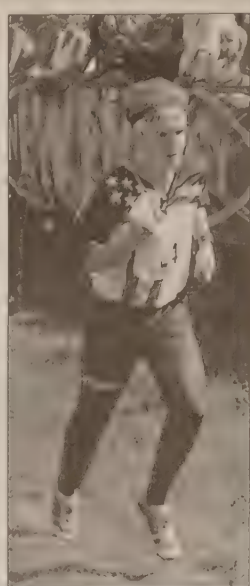
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Rose

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The Hall of Fame is not a Hall of Saints. It never has been. Nonetheless, there are still some who seem to equate induction into the Hall of Fame with canonization by the Vatican.

Such an outlook is ridiculous. Players can only be measured by what they gave the game and how they performed on the field.

By all standards, Pete Rose should be a Hall of Famer.

SHOELESS JOE: Among the others hurt by the Hall of Fame's 1991 Pete Rose Rule is "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, a White Sox outfielder implicated in the 1919 Black Sox Scandal.

Currently, Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Bob Feller are leading an effort to have Jackson reinstated. Williams and Feller should be applauded for this.

In 1921, commissioner Kenesaw

Mountain Landis handed down lifetime bans to Jackson and seven of his White Sox teammates for conspiring with gamblers to throw the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds.

None of the eight were ever found guilty in court. But Landis was not swayed.

According to research, Jackson first accepted the money, then tried to give it back. He even informed White Sox owner Charles Comiskey of the scam.

But Comiskey, whose penurious ways and dishonest dealings with his players were the root of the whole mess, stayed silent.

Jackson, by the way, batted .375 in that World Series with a home run, six RBI and five runs. He played errorless ball in the outfield. The following year, Jackson batted .382.

Jackson's career .356 batting average ranks third all-time. He finished with an outstanding .423 on-base percentage and his .517

slugging average is more than when considering the so-called "Deadball" era.

Jackson died in 1945. His lifetime ban has never been lifted.

Comiskey had not the two stadiums named after him. The plaque also hangs in the Hall of Fame, which is an oddity considering his notorious dealings leading to the scandal.

Jackson has served his sentence. His statistics tell a story giving his maximum judgment of what he did on the field.

SCORE IT AN 'F' wrote about the Pacific League's 1991 season. A couple weeks back in Oakland, I shot a home run. The Oakland won their PCL title in 1950. The Oakland won titles in 1948 and 1949.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rowing

High School boys are girls are invited to the Oakland Stroke Rowing Club's open house, which will be held from 9-11 a.m. at the club boathouse on Sept. 18. The Strokes' boathouse is located at 325 Embarcadero (between Estuary Park and 5th Avenue). The Strokes compete in eight-oared shells against other crews throughout California and the United States. This year, the Strokes were state champion and finished third in the nation. No experience is necessary. For details, call 483-5879.

Basketball

Berkeley Youth Alternatives will hold youth coed basketball leagues every Saturday starting Sept. 18. The pee-wee league is for players 6-7. A second league is open to players 8-10. Fees are \$12. Call 845-9010.

Softball

Oakland Bobby Sox Fastpitch Softball is accepting team signups for its Fall Travelball season. Fall Travelball will run from Sept. 11 through Nov. 20, and signups are available for 8-, 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-under divisions.

A Fall Travelball game-scheduling meeting for coaches will take place at 7 p.m. at the Redwood Heights Recreation Center (3883 Aliso Street, Oakland) on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

For more information, call Vicki Vrankovich at 339-2935. Or consult the

Bobby Sox website at www.bobbysox-softball.com.

Golf

The Bay Area Urban League, Inc., will host a "Day on the Green" at the Lake Chabot Golf Course on Monday, Aug. 30. Registration will be at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Golfers are encouraged to invite friends. Foursomes will be welcome, too.

Contests include a four-golfer scramble, closest-to-the-pin and the longest drive. Costs are \$150 per golfer and \$600 for a foursome. Sponsorships are \$5,000 (platinum), \$2,500 (gold), \$1,000 (silver). Hole sponsorships are \$500 without a foursome and \$1,000 with a foursome.

Proceeds will benefit the Bay Area Urban League, Inc.

For more information, call the Lake Chabot Golf Club at 351-5812. Or call Marjorie Grant of the Bay Area Urban League, Inc., at 271-1846, ext. 131. Or fax her at 839-8109.

Baseball

The Sportstime Baseball & Softball Academy is accepting pre-registration for its sixth annual summer baseball camp for ages 7-12.

The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at San Ramon Central Park, Aug. 30-Sept. 3. Cost is \$200.

Arizona Diamondbacks scout Steve Horning and other area professional players, scouts and coaches will provide instruction.

To preregister or for more informa-

tion, please call 1-888-303-Sportstime's website at www.sportstime.com.

Soccer

The Skyline High School Soccer team will begin practice on August 25 on the Skyline field. For further information, call Jim Hopkins at 301-8801.

Miscellaneous

St. Joseph-Nore in Alameda is looking for teaching vacancies.

The school is looking for varsity coach in both girls' and boys' softball. It is also seeking coaches for girls' volleyball and soccer.

For details, call St. Joseph's at 301-8801.

Roller hockey

The Oakland Roller Hockey Club offers instructional clinics on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The program will take place at the Oakland Ice Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. The program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program runs on each day.

Maher

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lier this month (see note below).

"I learned through this whole process, dealing with the Amateur Softball Association, that you can't expect anything," she said. "You can only hope."

The ASA is the governing body for fastpitch softball in this country. As such, the Olympic softball team falls under its jurisdiction.

Softball made its long-awaited Olympic debut as a full-medal sport in Atlanta three years ago. Maher played in all the U.S. team's games en route to the gold medal.

The U.S. team generated plenty of press. But those watching on NBC caught only snippets of the action.

"They kind of regretted that after the fact," Maher said of NBC. "Softball is unpredictable — it can go into extra innings."

"But they verbally said they would show more softball (in 2000) — or so we've been told by our governing body."

Maher's Olympic experience is just the pinnacle of an impressive resume she brings to her new job at Cal.

Last year, she was part of the gold medal-winning U.S. national team at the International Softball Federation Women's World Championship.

The 5-foot-6 Maher, who bats and throws right-handed, was also part of the U.S. team that won the gold medal at the 1995 Pan American Games in Buenos Aires. Maher batted .375, scored nine runs and played errorless defense in that tournament.

Maher, who will turn 28 next month, was born in Vietnam but raised in Ventura. She got her first taste of sports as a soccer player. Her brother, who is one year older, also played soccer.

"I always fought with him," she said. Softball saved Maher a lot of bickering with her brother. She also found she had some talent for the stick-and-ball game as well.

"Once I got to high school, I had to decide what sport I was going to concentrate on," said Maher. "I still played soccer, but my concentration in spring and summer went to softball."

At Buena High School-Ventura, she was a first-team all-league se-



KIM MAHER brings her Olympic gold experience to Cal softball.

lection as a junior and earned MVP honors as a senior.

As a senior, Maher's pitching helped lead Buena to a sectional championship.

Maher then went off to Fresno State, where she became a three-time all-conference shortstop.

With Maher in the lineup, the Bulldogs finished third in the NCAA College World Series in 1991 and '92. They were fifth in 1994, a year that Maher earned second-team All-American recognition.

Maher has enjoyed success in other competitions as well. She has played on three ASA championship teams with the Redding Rebels. She also holds the record for most home runs at an ASA National Championship Tournament with five in 1994.

Maher has played outfield and third base for the Rebels (the team is on hiatus this year while the coach's wife recuperates from a lung transplant). With the USA "B" team, Maher has played mostly at third base.

Maher has no preference where she plays as long as she can make

the Olympic team next year.

"Wherever they need me is where they stick me," Maher said of her national team experience. "I would just be happy to be named to that team."

In the meantime, Maher is enjoying her new roles as a Cal coach and Oakland resident. "I'm hoping to stay here forever," she said.

Regardless of how the Olympic tryouts turn out for Maher next year, her softball future seems bright. Her vast experience on the diamond should greatly help an up-and-coming generation of players at Cal.

Soccer's loss has been softball's gain.

NOTE: Competition will be strong for spots on the U.S. Olympic softball team next year.

In Winnipeg, the United States won its fourth consecutive Pan Am Games softball gold medal.

The United States drubbed the competition, winning all 12 of its games while outscoring opponents 83-1.

U.S. pitchers tossed three no-hitters, including two perfect games by Danielle Henderson.

E. Bay VBC

Newly formed 18 & under Boys' Volleyball Club

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Arts

Dead men wear plaid at Woodminster

"Forever Plaid" is back — again. It took an ethereal opening in the ozone layer to bring the nerdy crooners to the stage for their first concert, and now the foursome has found its way to the Woodminster Amphitheater in San Juan Miller Park.

Or so the story goes. The popular musical, which was written, directed and choreographed by Stuart Ross, opened in New York in May 1990. It spent four years on Broadway before achieving international success.

Now, "Forever Plaid" will make its debut at Woodminster at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3. This production, directed by H. James Schlader, will show seven performances.

It runs Sept. 3-5 and Sept. 9-12. All shows begin at 8 p.m.

"Forever Plaid" tells the story of four deceased singers — Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie — all of whom were killed after being struck by a bus full of teens heading to the Beatles' debut on the Ed Sullivan Show.

But through an act of divine intervention, the four singers are reincarnated and returned to earth as angels, which is how the production begins.

The quartet is finally able to stage the concert it never had a chance to do as mortals.

Popular '50s hits like "Chain Gang," "Catch a Falling Star," "Rags to Riches" and "Three Coins in the Fountain" are among some of the songs re-created by "Forever Plaid."

In this production, Harriet



"FOREVER PLAID," which opens at the Woodminster Amphitheater Friday, Sept. 3, is the final production of the summer musical season. Pictured (l-r) are Simon Relph, Barrett Lindsay-Steiner, Ron Pickett and Dan LeGate.

Schlader choreographs, Richard Vetterli directs the music and Kim Rossi serves as the choral director.

The Woodminster Amphitheater is located at 3300 Joaquin Miller Road in Oakland.

Tickets cost \$14 to \$25 general admission, or \$12 to \$23 for students and seniors. Call 510-531-9597.

HOT SHEET!

■ Melissa Del Mar, a writer and performer, will star in "The Great Aradia: A Ritual Theatre for the Modern Woman," during the San Francisco Fringe Festival, Sept. 11-19. Del Mar is a writer and performer who founded Aradia, which she founded. Call 510-496-3460.

■ California Shakespeare Festival presents "The Tempest" at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheater, Sept. 11-Oct. 3. Robert Kelley directs. Call 510-562-9666.

■ Woodminster Amphitheater presents "Forever Plaid," a musical which will premiere at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3. Tickets \$12-\$25. Call 510-531-9597.

EVENTS

Musicals

Producers Associates presents a musical that will entertain Bay area residents this summer in their thirty-third consecutive season at Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park.

"Forever Plaid," the story of four male singers and the nostalgic pop hits of the '50s on Sept. 3-5, and 9-12.

Woodminster's summer shows are excellent for introducing children to musical theater.

For each adult ticket purchased, the amphitheater will provide one free ticket for children under 16 years of age. The children's seats are available on the evening of the performance.

This year the amphitheater marks 33 years of musical theater productions at Woodminster Associates.

Woodminster Amphitheater is located in the hills of Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park, with a sweeping view of San Francisco, the bay and the Peninsula.

More than 30,000 people attend summer musicals at Woodminster each year.

Season tickets are available for \$35.70, \$53.55 and \$63.75, a 15 percent discount off ticket prices.

Tickets for individual shows are available for \$14, \$21 and \$25 for adults; \$12, \$19 and \$23 for children and seniors. Fund-raising groups or groups of more than 25 may purchase tickets for Thursday, Friday or Sunday performances at half price.

Additional group rates and picnic spaces are available.

For information call Woodminster Amphitheater/Producers Associates, Inc. at 531-9597, or www.woodminster.com.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center

Bring your family and friends to a CD release party and performance for "Hippo on My Head and other Madcap Adventures" continuing 22 singable stories that raise questions about sunscreen, and the necessity of minding your manners when served a bowl of stinky ice cream.

Join Uncle Eye and his Pirate Band for a hilarious performance of interactive fun for the entire family.

The performance is Aug. 29, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at 1414 Walnut St.

Call 848-0237 for information and reservations.

Oakland Museum of California exhibits

■ Aug. 28—"Dog Haus: Architecture Unleashed." A joint project of the museum and the Oakland SPCA, the exhibition showcases 24 architect-designed doghouses chosen from a statewide juried competition. There are city houses, country houses, houses for homeless dogs and solar-heated houses for environmentally aware dogs. Exhibit runs through Oct. 17.

■ Aug. 29—"Dogs' Days of Summer: A Family Celebration of Dog Houses." In conjunction with the exhibition "Dog Haus: Architecture Unleashed," families are invited to create palaces or humble abodes for man's, woman's and kids' best friends. Adopt-a-pet from the Oakland SPCA; storytelling by Tureeda Mikell and hands-on activities. Museum Gardens. 1-4 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

"Dogs' Days of Summer: A Family Celebration of Dog Houses," Aug. 29, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Families are invited to create an abode for Fido, visit the "Dog Haus" exhibit, hear stories, and try hands-on activities. Free with admission.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10

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Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Radio commercials increasing locally?

Do you touch that dial? I'm always tuning around, so I don't listen to a lot of radio commercials. (Isn't that what pre-tens are for?) So I have no idea if David Oreck's vacuums now weigh under a pound, or whether Gold Bond Medicated Powder has been reformulated to fight unprintable chronic conditions.

But several Hills readers have e-mailed to say they've noticed a marked increase in the number of radio commercials on local stations in the past year. And indeed, trade sheet "Radio & Records" ran a story this week reporting that the number of spots on Bay Area stations is up a staggering 107 percent in a year — the highest percentage gain in the country.

It wasn't their imagination, in my words.

The reason for this: somebody is to pay for the outrageous amounts that were paid by commercial stations for local radio stations when they were gobbling up everything in sight (with the FCC's OK) three years ago. And it's advertisers and listeners who are now paying. Among all these stations in one market gives CBS, Chancellor (now called AM-FM), etc., "critical mass" with advertisers — i.e., a baseball bat. There used to be a rule allowing a station to run only 18 minutes of commercial minutes an hour. That rule was dropped when the FCC, as usual, caved to broadcast. We're now left with 22-minute breaks for Howard Stern on K105. (Says one local radio guy, "How'd you like your station to be placed fifth or sixth in the blocks? Not me.")

Then, a couple of weeks ago, a longtime radio-industry source told me that "Uncle Mel" — CBS radio and TV czar Mel Karmazin, known for squeezing every penny of profit out of his radio station — has supposedly issued a directive that all CBS-owned radio stations carry 26 minutes an hour of ads.

Could it be possible that one of our favorite local stations, KCBS, was now must 50 percent commercials? I got out the stopwatch. I had an hour of KCBS programming between 9:25 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. last week. And while it turned out that KCBS isn't running nearly as many ads as I'd feared, listening to KCBS continuously (i.e., without switching stations) made two things obvious: One, that the station is running more ads than it has; and, two, popular morning man Al Hart is spending lots of time in these days in KCBS's production studios.

We don't want to single out KCBS, a class act, so called a CBS salesperson who flatly denied any such Karmazin mandate. The source insisted CBS Radio makes decisions to individual stations' general managers, and KCBS' GM Frank Oxarart has a maximum of 18 units (commercial interruptions) an hour. "Units" are either 15-, 30-, or 60-second commercials. In one 30-minute period, I timed 12 minutes of commercials on KCBS, and 19 minutes in an hour. High, but not 26, either.

When ran up a guy who probably knows as much as anybody about local radio sales, KGO GM Mike Luckoff. His top-rated talk station had the highest ratings by far of any station in the market last year — \$34 million. (And while that's a big number for comparison purposes, consider that the top-billing local TV station, KTVU, billed \$150 million a year.)

Luckoff said that under new owner Disney, KGO hasn't increased its ad load at all.

"We occasionally will do 18 minutes in morning drive, but we have a minute-per-hour limit on our talk shows." Stations that run six to eight minutes in a row, which is becoming common, are "playing hook with their listeners," Luckoff says. At the point, listeners will say, "Enough, already. I hope it's sooner."

I asked Luckoff which local station was running the most ads right now.

"I'd say that KNBR is currently breaking records," replied Luckoff matter-of-factly. One wonders if that's part of the reason why KNBR's last ratings

Brendan Fraser vids top latest releases

By Randy Myers

CAPSULE REVIEWS

"BLAST FROM THE PAST": Brendan Fraser's up to his "George of the Jungle" ways in this fish-out-of-water comedy co-starring Alicia Silverstone. Stuck in a bomb shelter for 30-some years, Fraser discovers a brave new and strange world when he goes above ground. A sweet little film. (PG-13: Language.) B

"GODS AND MONSTERS": A hunky gardener (Brendan Fraser) befriends James Whale (Ian McKellen), one of the first openly gay directors in Hollywood, who in turn belittles, adores and pines for the new handyboy. Their complex relationship evolves as Whale's health deteriorates, giving director Bill Condon ample opportunity to blur the lines between fact and fiction. An amazing, bold film, one that takes chances with the material but maintains a sense of humanity, even when it's layering on the metaphors. McKellen's exceptional, creating a character whom you'll both love and hate. Fraser's never been better, bringing depth, not just muscle, to his fully delineated role. (NR: Some nudity, language, subject matter.) A

"THE CONFESSION": Alec Baldwin swims with the sharks as an ambitious and shrewd lawyer on the fast track to becoming a district attorney. To further his career, he's persuaded to defend a distraught father (Ben Kingsley) who guns down five hospital workers after his son is neglected in the emergency room and dies. A classy, mature film that makes a couple of missteps toward the end by tossing some intrigue at us. (R: Language, some violence.) B+

"CRUEL INTENTIONS": Let's play dress-up! Sarah Michelle Gellar of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" fame gives a laughable performance

in this juvenile tinkering of "Dangerous Liaisons." Ryan Phillippe plays her consort in sexual crime, a rich brat who makes a bet he can deflower Reese Witherspoon. It wishes so valiantly to be steamy, but all of the naughty talk is more ridiculous than wicked. (R: Language, sexual situations, nudity.) D

"KILLER TONGUE": Poodles that turn into drag queens. Robert Englund as a sadistic prison guard with hair envy. A bank robber turned nun. This is what you can expect in this low-rent horror-comedy from Mexico about a gal who eats a Cup O' Meteor soup and grows a cannibalistic tongue. Yes, it's funny at times, but the problem with this "Tongue" is that it's too self-consciously cheeky. But if you need to find a midnight movie without any socially redeeming value, this one's for you. (R: Graphic tongue abuse, brief nudity, violence, language.) C

"LOCK STOCK AND TWO SMOKING BARRELS": Skillfully filmed British import from hip director Guy Ritchie, who shows a winning hand in this comedy caper about gangsters and card sharks. The story's nothing original, but Ritchie's visceral visual tricks are. (R: Language, violence.) B+

"MADELINE: LOST IN PARIS": Disney scores again with this animated charmer "inspired" by children's author Ludwig Bemelmans' universally adored character, the resourceful and precocious Madeline. In this amusing adventure, adorned with five pleasant but forgettable songs, Madeline's life dramatically changes when Uncle Horn (voice of Jason Alexander) visits headmistress Miss Clavell and reveals his intentions to whisk the orphan

child away from her Paris home to Vienna. Mon dieu! What should Madeline do? Never fear, our heroine is smart enough to get out of any predicament, and along the way discover a moral to the story — in this case, finding out the true meaning of "family." (G: Nothing objectionable.) B

"OCTOBER SKY": An uplifting, thoroughly enjoyable family film about the "wonder years" of Homer Hickman Jr., the son of a coal miner in West Virginia, who discovers a passion for aeronautics. The best family film of the year so far. (PG: Language.) A

"SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE": A witty romance, cleverly written by playwright Tom Stoppard and appealingly acted by Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneth Paltrow. Many have fallen in love with this Oscar-winner, and it's easy to see why. You couldn't ask for a better romantic comedy. (R: Brief nudity, language; should have been rated PG-13.) A

"SHE'S ALL THAT": Far from perfect, this warmhearted teen comedy set in a Southern California high school still wins you over thanks to its endearing characters, attractive cast and funny script. Rachael Leigh Cook stars as a senior class outcast who becomes the target of a juvenile bet made by class president Freddie Prinze Jr. Of course, these opposites attract. Yes, it's pat and predictable, but even when it's uneven, there are genuine moments here that everyone — young and old — can identify with. (PG-13: Language, subject matter.) B

"A SIMPLE PLAN": One of the best unseen movies on the video shelves. Based on Berkeley author Scott B. Smith's best seller, "Plan" is a taut, harrowing morality tale about greed that's directed with layering dread by "Evil Dead" director Sam Raimi. Billy Bob Thornton's nearly unrecognizable as one

of two brothers (the other is Bill Paxton) whose lucky find of loot turns fatefully unlucky. (R: Violence, language, brief nudity.) A

"TALE OF THE MUMMY": Looking to put a new twist on an old monster, writer/director Russell Mulcahy keeps his mummy under wraps until near the end of this cheesy flick. A cop (a boring Jason Scott Lee) and an archeologist (Louise Lombard) chase after the wrappings of Talos, a mummy with a bad 'tude that's looking for some organs to make him whole again. After the big-budget "The Mummy" with Brendan Fraser, this schlocky exercise seems puny. Still, I've gotta hand it to Mulcahy, director of "Highlander," for the death by Saran Wrap — um, make that Mummy Wrap — scenes. (R: Violence, language, brief nudity.) C

"TELLING YOU": This "Mystic Pizza" with guys is pointless. Two chums toss dough at a Jersey pizzeria and lament their sorry love lives. Jennifer Love Hewitt keeps popping by to be annoying, and "Scream's" Matthew Lillard interrupts a wannabe "Swingers" scene at a bar to play a leisure-suited playboy. Nothing happens. No one cares. (R: Language, sexual situations, brief nudity.) D+

"WISHFUL THINKING": Straddling the line between edgy and fluffy, this unpredictable comedy drama follows the loveliness of four idiosyncratic characters. Despite glossing over the mental health of one of its lead characters (played by James Le Gros), this spirited tale about attractions and retractions of the heart works, thanks to its appealing cast that includes Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Beals and Jon Stewart, who steals every scene he's in. I just wish the film hadn't been so flippant with the Le Gros character, a projectionist prone to hearing spoons talk and flying into fits of rage. (R: Language.) B-

Hip and happening equals CBS, right?

By Suzanne Condie Lambert

Buckle up, television fans. The new TV season is just a few short weeks away, and the networks have, once again, plumbed the depths of their creative souls to bring us innovative, challenging television such as wacky workplace sitcoms; sincere family dramas; mass-produced news-magazines; and lighthearted romantic comedies that are, no doubt, programmed to self-destruct upon their sixth or seventh airing.

But nowhere is the vigor of the season's inventive programming more apparent than at CBS, which continues to push the envelope while at the same time honoring its mandate to produce television for the widest spectrum of the TV audience possible, provided they're collecting Social Security, of course.

Here are some of the shows the whole family will be glued to the next time Grandma comes to visit:

Combining the martial arts action of its hit Saturday-night action series with the acerbic humor of a seasoned comedienne is "Nancy Walker, Texas Ranger." When Walker isn't subduing criminals with her patented round-house kicks, she's eviscerating them with her on-target criticisms of their failure to call their mothers on a regular basis.

Taking a cue from the growing popularity of Hong Kong-style action films, CBS adapts the Mira Sorvino/Chow Yun-Fat film about a martial arts assassin and a spunky forger on the run into a weekly drama called "The Hip Replacement Killers." Betty White and Pat Morita star. Dick Van Dyke makes occasional appearances as a ruthless crime lord looking for revenge.

And in another film tie-in, CBS will unveil "The Blair Witch Project," featuring former "Facts of Life" star Lisa Welch reprising her role as the snooty private school student Blair Warner, whose unbearable pomposity finally drives her fellow Eastland students to kidnap and abandon her deep in the Maryland woods to be tormented by a malevolent, but ultimately grossly inept, witch (Alice Ghostley).

Not to be outdone by the youthful babe appeal of up-and-coming rival network the WB, CBS managed a coup when it lured "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" creator Joss Whedon into bringing his "Buffy" spinoff about a hunky 300-year-old vampire seeking redemption (Andy Griffith) to the Tiffany Network. Look for "Touched by Angel" to be a major hit across all demographic lines. Della Reese drops in for the odd guest appearance to dispense folksy

wisdom and engage in hand-to-hand combat against the ever-burgeoning powers of darkness.

Similarly, Kevin Williamson (who created the WB's "Dawson's Creek") has also been tapped to mastermind "Cabo Cove," a hormone-driven drama about an artistically inclined youth (Gerald McRaney) who is torn between his childhood sweetheart (Angela Lansbury) and the smoldering new girl in town (Rue McClanahan).

Not to be outdone, some of the networks whose audiences have traditionally skewed younger will try to add a little age diversity to their proven hits.

Fox will lead the pack with its "Cops in Sun City" (sample dialogue: "Yeah, we pull over a lot of pale yellow Cadillacs, but it's the golf carts you really have to look out for") and "World's Scariest Lawn Jockeys."

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

CLASSICS

Eight-part biotechnology seminar which highlights industry job opportunities in the San Francisco Bay Area and how to train for them begins Friday, Aug. 27, at the Vista Community College Science Annex in Berkeley. Classes take place noon to 1 p.m. and run through Dec. 3 at the Vista Science Annex, 2061 Center St., between Shattuck and Milvia. The fee is \$6 for California residents. Contact Barbara Des Rochers at 883-1607.

The Ecology Center's 1999 Sustainable Living Series continues with Fall & Winter Container Vegetable Gardening on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave. Val Peters demonstrates ways to select and organically prepare planting areas, choose containers, or plan nutritionally. Cost is \$15 for non-members; \$10 for members. No one is turned away for lack of funds. Pre-registration is strongly advised. Call 548-2210 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, tempo, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Goodard, Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee and others. This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810, for additional information.

Program for Adult College Education (PACE) Fall 1999 is open for enrollment at Vista Community College. Enrollment continues through Saturday, Sept. 4. PACE is a college alternative for adults with job and family responsibilities. The program allows the completion of freshman and sophomore years in two and a half to three years, enabling participants to transfer to a four-year college. Classes are held one evening a week and several Saturdays a term. Call 841-0809 or e-mail scoopfoggy@aol.com for enrollment information.

"Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police," a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to help prevent police brutality. Copwatch is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization, which works to defend the rights of everyone under the law. For additional information, call 548-0425.

Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6930 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 844-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug, 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Children

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kids

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THE DEEP SOUTH BAND will perform at the Berkeley Blues Festival, Saturday, Aug. 29, from 1-9 p.m.

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Nava Restaurant

5478 College Ave. - Rockridge
Oakland (510) 655-4770

The best place in the East Bay to eat your last meal? That would be Nava, a new gem in Berkeley's culinary crown.

This place is a winner and the bill of fare, which changes monthly to take exquisite advantage of peak seasonal ingredients, is downright fabulous. The taste sensations here are seductive and varied. Every appetizer is astounding, and the crab cakes are a knockout, enhanced by a range of exotic relishes, glazes and sauces, on every menu so far.

The menu features seven to eight entrees featuring fish, fowl, a vegetarian entree or two, and fabulous cuts of meat.

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theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8-\$10.

Community

Senior citizens will be able to get blood pressure taken on Aug. 31 9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Carol Federighi will discuss Durable Power of At-

torney for Health Care with HICAP at 1:15 p.m. For additional information about these programs, call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce presents a New Member Barbecue and Mixer on Thursday, Aug. 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Drive, Berkeley Marina. The mixer is hosted by the Berkeley Fire Fighters Association. For additional information call 549-7003.

Bison Brewing Company, 2598 Telegraph Ave., 10th Anniversary Celebration: "A Decade in the Cave" takes place on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m. Festivities include live music, kegs full of innovative ales, mammoth birthday cake, two kegs on hand pump, taco-dillas, pizzas, mussels and a cave man, cave lady costume contest. For additional information, call 325-1042.

Home at Last Rescue's upcoming Adoption Days takes place on Saturday, Aug. 28, and Saturday, Sept. 11, from 1-4 p.m. outside Slater Marloff

and Co. at 1823 Fourth St. Both dogs and cats are available. For more information, call 501-7021.

The League of Women Voters (Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville) sponsors The Inaugural Community Luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel on the Berkeley Marina. Distinguished guest is J. Michael Heyman, secretary, Smithsonian Institute and chancellor of UC-Berkeley, 1980-1990. Opening greetings by Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, Albany Mayor Peggy Thomsen, and Emeryville Mayor Gary L. Gaffey. RSVP by Friday, Aug. 20. For additional information, call 843-8824.

Wild Oats Community Market, 1581 University Ave., will serve ice cream sundaes Tuesday, Aug. 31, from noon to 7 p.m. The Ice Cream Social benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters. Donation is \$2. For additional information, call 549-1714.

The Mechanics Bank, the Solano Avenue Association and Long John Silver

sponsors the 25th Silver Solano Stroll kickoff party on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mechanics Bank 1801 Solano Ave. The Stroll takes place on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 10 to 6 p.m.

Learn how to apply simple henna tattoos in the Edith Stone Room at the Albany Library on Aug. 21 from 2-4 p.m. It's free. The library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany. Teen-agers particularly are welcome. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 526-3720, ext. 19.

The University of California Botanical Garden announces extended hours for the summer, continuing through Labor Day, Sept. 6. During this period, the garden will be open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. every day. Summer hours offer the opportunity to relax in the garden after work, and to enjoy a picnic supper on the lawn or in the Redwood Grove. Plan some quiet time to take advantage of the soft evening light and the magnificent site. The Botanical Garden is located on

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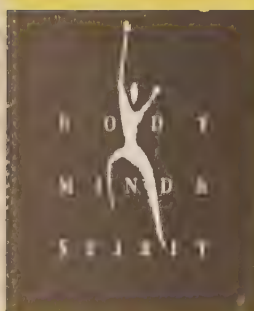
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The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 summer employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12 and over for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 215-4370.

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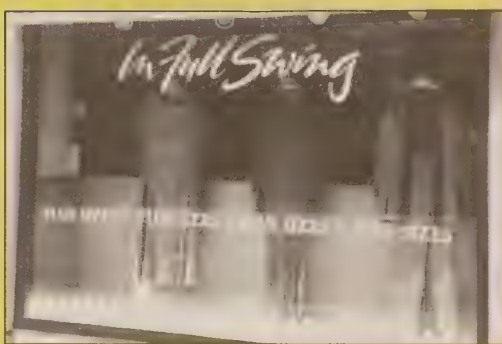
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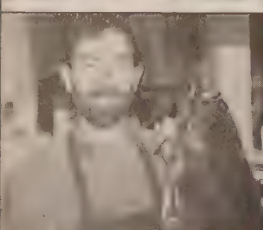
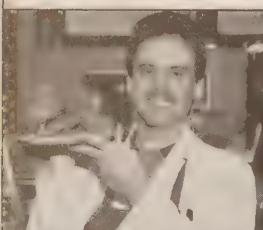
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YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.
Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The center is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Berkeley Art Museum Pacific Film Archive hosts its final Asian Art and Poster Sale on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Aug. 26, 27 and 28. The museum has hosted this event for the past 20 years. Prices range from \$5 to \$500, while poster prices range from \$2 to \$200. The museum is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Thursday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday. For further information, call 642-1208.

John F. Kennedy University, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley Business Center, presents "Transformative Arts Dialogue Night," on Friday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit is a traveling collection of art and writing by 75 women who have faced the disease of breast cancer. Featured presenters will read, discuss and invite conversation about their work. The exhibit is free. Call 649-0499 for additional information.

"Color, Form, Mark: Addressing the Essential" runs Sept. 1-16 at John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave. The exhibit features the works of Holly Crafty, James Linneham and Virginia Shepley. A reception takes place on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. The event is free. For additional information, call 649-0499.

"Behold the Woman," a free exhibit of miraculous Marian Images opens Sept. 8 and continues through Oct. 31, from noon-4 p.m. at the Santa Fe Insti-

tute, 2320 Dana St. For additional information, call 543-2920.

The Current Gallery at the Crucible presents "Akin to Skin," welded steel and kinetic rubber works by Nancy Mintz opening Saturday, Sept. 11 and continuing through Oct. 23. A reception takes place on Friday, Sept. 10 from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m.; and Saturday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information, call 843-5511.

The WCRG Gallery, 3023 Shattuck Ave., exhibits the artistry of Mickey Spencer, an artist in her 70s who invented "paper painting." The show runs through Sept. 30. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday, 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursdays, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, noon-4 p.m., and by appointment. For additional information, call 548-9272.

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents New Work: The 3P's Painting-Paper-Pottery on Aug. 27 to Oct. 2. An

artist reception takes place on Aug. 27 from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

The Berkeley Potters Guild holds its 26th annual winter holiday sale during the weekends of Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 4-5, and during the week of Dec. 11-23. Nineteen guild members will display current works throughout their complex of open studios. The guild is located at 731 Jones St. at 4th Street, just off the Gilman Street exit of I-80. Call 524-7031, or visit the Web site at BerkeleyPotters.com.

University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., hosts an exhibition of paintings by the artist Jeffrey Sully, from Aug. 21-Oct. 23. A reception takes place on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 843-6230.

UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive presents the latest exhibition in the Matrix Program for Contemporary Art "Tobias

Rehberger/Matrix/180 Sunny-side up, on Aug. 29, through Nov. 14. Rehberger is a conceptual artist from Germany. The exhibit will be his first one-person museum exhibition in North America. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

Photographs by Charles Klein will be on exhibit through Sept. 4, at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St.

A New Leaf Gallery, 1286, Gilman St., is sponsoring an exhibit from Aug. 14 through Sept. 12 entitled "Censored!—Sculptors Responding to the Wave of Puritanism in the '90s." The gallery has put out a national call to sculptors. The show will be juried by Philip Linhares, chief curator at the Oakland Museum. An associated reception to benefit the ACLU Foundation of Northern California will take place on Aug. 14 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15. This show addresses the issue of censorship in the arts. For additional information, call 525-7621.

The Claremont Gallery, 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passages" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

"Playpen," a group exhibition co-curated by Genart SF and Traywick Gallery, will be open to the public through Aug. 29. The exhibit takes place at Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., Berkeley. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Call 527-1214 or 415-824-6521 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., presents a new exhibition through Sept. 4. Gallery hours

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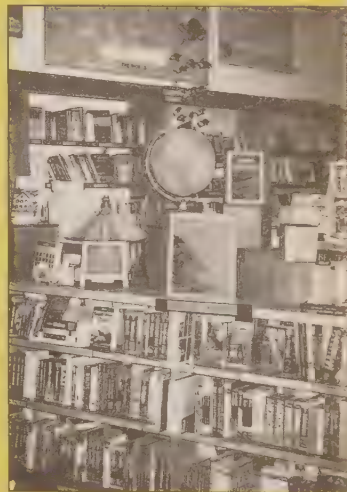
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are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, noon-4:30 p.m. Free admission, wheelchair accessible. Call 620-6772 for additional information.

Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara continues through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information, call 549-6950.

"Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement," — A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information, call 620-6772.

The Albany Arts Committee exhibits "Facing Change," continues through Sept. 9 at the Albany Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. The exhibit represents three eighth grade Albany Art classes led by art teacher Meg Brady.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

The Resurrection Bookshop Center for Eastern Orthodox Spirituality, 1708 University Ave., presents a Thursday night lecture series, 7:30 p.m. Lecture topics include "Christ the Eternal Tao: The Disappearance of a Culture Imbued with Grace: A Historical Overview of the Development of Modern Times, St. John the Baptist, St. Herman of Alaska, Nathaniel Hawthorne: Sins of our Fathers, the Power of Neo-Martyrdom, and Prison Ministry. The lectures are free. Call 665-4112 for dates and details.

George E. Hobart will lecture on his book "Discount Airfares: The Insider's Guide," at Barnes and Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 7:30 p.m. In addition of numerous strategies that illustrate how to purchase discounted tickets, this sourcebook provides hundreds of useful Web sites and telephone numbers. For additional information about this event and other free events at Barnes and Noble, call 644-3635.

"Daily Word" readers: Study Unity, principles at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave., Wednesday noon to 1 p.m. Contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

"Strong Women: Writers and Heroes of American Literature," 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. every Thursday, free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program; Helen Ripper Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St., corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Call 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

The Oceanview Elementary School PTA Planning Group has scheduled a planning meeting for Thursday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. The meeting is at the Oceanview Elementary site. All Oceanview families are welcomed. If further information is needed contact Sandy Bender, 528-2385 or Judy Kerr, 528-9026.

The "Save Section 8" monthly meeting is Monday, Sept. 13, at 1:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Jim Grow, staff attorney, National Housing Law Project will speak on "Budget and Policy Challenges Facing Section 8." AC bus No. 15 stops at the center. For additional information or for a Sign Language interpreter, call 644-6107 prior to the meeting.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior

Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information, call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass Ave. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing. Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment; 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 1-415-461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1:20 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m.; Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Starnage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

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Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

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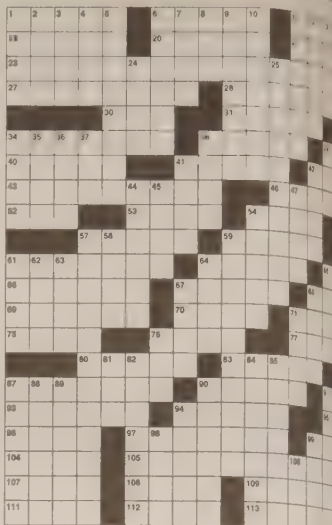
"New Millennium Strings," presents two benefit concerts. "Concertos" by Vivaldi and Stamitz; "Ancient Airs and Dances" by Respighi. Soloists are Tony Kaye, Howard Kadis, mandolins; Chris Chenoweth, Laurien Jones, violins; Mike Crane, clarinet. The concerts take place on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m. at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Ave. This is a benefit for the Organ Fund. The second concert takes place on Sunday, Aug. 29, 3 p.m., at the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church,

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Support

Assess Your Aptitudes is the workshop topic at the Turning Point Career Center, 2260 Bancroft Way, on Thursday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 28, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. For more information, call 848-6370.

Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No advance reservations required, drop in anytime. Friends and family are welcome to attend. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.,

Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

Lecture/Workshop

"Using Artistic Skills to Create Marketable Masks and 3-Dimensional Objects" is the subject of the brownbag career talk at the Turning Point Career Center on Tuesday, Sept. 7, from noon to 1 p.m. The guest speaker is Paul Gower from Chiodo Entertainment. The fee is \$3. Turning Point Career Center, a program of the YWCA is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) offers a free workshop at the Richmond Senior Center on Friday, Sept. 24, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The workshop is for those with a memory-impairing disease, such as Alzheimer's, stroke, dementia or another disabling brain disorder. To register or to find out more about FCA services, call (800)445-8106.

"Networking from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be" is the workshop topic at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way, on Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, call 848-6370.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different programs the center offers, including the great variety of workshops. The orientations are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. For more information, call 848-6370.

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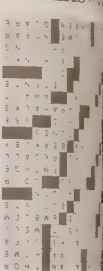
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Bali music, dance slated for free fest

The Bay Area's 40-member gamelan orchestra, El Cerrito-based Gamelan Sekar Jaya, will present a free outdoor festival on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alston Way in Berkeley in celebration of the group's 20th year.

For this event, the first concert in a six-week series of events in their 20th anniversary festival, five of Bali's top artists will join the group in a display of music and dance works.

Several special guest performers will also appear, representing various Indonesian and Asian performing traditions.

Food and craft vendors will contribute to the festive atmosphere.

The festival will include a wealth of music and dance works, performed on several different sets of gamelan — large percussion ensembles of tuned gongs, bronze or bamboo metallophones, and drums.

In addition to traditional works such as topeng (masked dance theater), and pieces from the kebyar repertoire (the explosive and rhythmically complex style of Balinese music and dance that evolved in the early 20th century), the instrumental "Talakalam" by Michael Tenzer will have its world premiere.

The work combines gamelan and Indian music, and features a special

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guest appearance by tabla ensemble Tabla Rasa.

Other guest performers include Pusaka Sunda, a Sudanese gamelan orchestra led by master flutist Burhan Sukarna; Hasanari dancers of West Javanese jaipongan; and Lavitania Bismart, a dancer of Javanese Ronggeng Belantek.

The five artists who will join Gamelan Sekar Jaya at the festival include the finest musicians and dancers from an island famed for its performing arts traditions.

Many are from STSI, Bali's National Academy of the Arts in the capital of Denpasar. All have joined Gamelan Sekar Jaya for artistic residencies in the past, but this will be the first time that they will appear together in the U.S. Artists include:

■ I Wayan Suweca— Widely recognized as Bali's most virtuosic drummer; master of gender wayang

music (the accompaniment to the shadow puppet play); composer; Sekar Jaya's founding music director.

■ I Wayan Rai— composer of experimental instrumental works, multi-instrumentalist, scholar.

■ I Gusti Ayu Srinatih— dancer, choreographer, singer, expert in refined female dance styles.

■ I Nyoman Wenten— dancer, musician, director of the World Arts program at Cal Arts Valencia.

■ I Putu Dewa Berata— composer, drum virtuoso, leader of a newly created center of music and dance in south-central Bali.

The free event is just one part of a series of performances and workshops that the group is undertaking in celebration of its 20th anniversary.

Other area events will include a symposium on Balinese performing arts at UC-Berkeley on Sept. 18, and four concerts at the Fort Mason's Cowell Theater in San Francisco on Sept. 24-26.

Sekar Jaya will also undertake two concert tours, first to Santa Fe, N.M., in late July to appear in the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, and to Los Angeles where the group will perform at Schoenberg Hall Oct. 9, and at the World Sacred Music Festival at the Hollywood Bowl on Oct. 10.

Berkeley Rep, ACT host all-night 'Faustathon'

The University of San Francisco Fine and Performing Arts Department, the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, American Conservatory Theatre, and the Goethe Institute of San Francisco are sponsoring an all-night reading of Goethe's "Faust" to celebrate the German writer's 250th birthday and benefit USF's Upward Bound Program.

The Faustathon will start at 7 p.m. on Friday Aug. 27 with musical entertainment by Dream Forward fol-

lowed by the reading of Faust at 8 p.m. at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. in Berkeley.

There will also be a special mid-night concert by mezzo-soprano Joyce Todd, who will perform Franz Schubert settings of songs from Faust and other works by Goethe. The reading will end around noon on Aug. 28.

The public may enter the theatre any time during the reading, and may circulate freely in and out of the

theater all night.

The event is free, but the audience is encouraged to make a donation to benefit the University of San Francisco's Upward Bound, a program that serves college bound, disadvantaged students from Bay Area public high schools.

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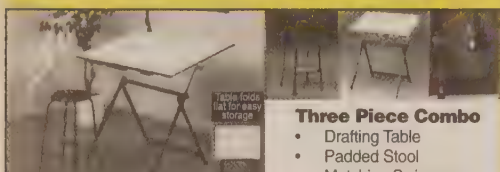
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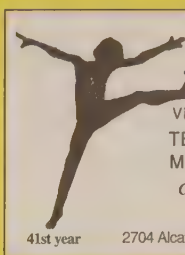
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Rubicon Trail keeps drivers, columnists on their toes

By Marion Wechter

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GEORGETOWN — "Two Dollar Bill," do you copy? "Watch out for your pumpkin (differential) on the next slab."

You guessed it. I was back on the Rubicon Trail as a guest of the California Association 4-Wheel Drive Clubs.

I love those handles on the CB. Gun Runner, Dr. Flex, Two Dollar Bill to name a few. These drivers are hand picked for their expertise and knowledge of the trail. Plus they have to have a rig able to withstand the rigors of rock-hopping.

My driver this year was Steve Sampson, a member of one of the California 4-Wheel Drive Clubs.

Steve is an enthusiast. In fact he is an eee-haa enthusiast. He had a

maniacal laugh when we traversed huge boulders which on the down side were sometimes at a 30-degree angle. Guess who was on the down side?

Our staging area was Loon Lake. It reminded me of that song "Sky-lark" by Hoagy Carmichael with the words "crazy as a loon." It could have been written for me.

In order to reach our first overnight stop at Spider Lake we had to conquer the slabs. These are massive pieces of flat granite. Sometimes we would reach our cruising speed of 3 mph, but not very often.

Little Sluice. If you didn't know what you were in for one could imagine a pretty area with running water and rocks where one could stop and pan for gold.

As a so-called veteran of the Rubicon Trail, I remembered it from

last time. Huge boulders and jumps from one rock to another. I was told we had to take an alternate route because of the degree of difficulty this time.

We reached our first overnight stop at Spider Lake, a beautiful lake that has many fingers reaching out like a spider's legs.

Fishing is one of the things you can do here. One member of the media caught a rainbow trout. Someone accused him of removing the Safeway label.

This was the first time I could get a good look at Steve's rig. His chariot of fire, a TJ model Jeep, had suspension lifts which lift everything except the axles.

These flexible suspension lifts move with the vehicle when traversing huge rocks and deep drops, and coil springs help to soften the

ride-somewhat.

A hand throttle on the gear shift feeds extra gas to the engine. When the driver is bouncing around sometimes his foot will slip off the accelerator and stall the engine.

Steve claims that it is the best \$30 purchase he ever made for his jeep. Big 35-inch tires allow clearance for the differential when traversing giant boulders. Steve preferred steel rims on the wheels because they hold up better under stress.

I often wondered what the shiny diamond panels were on some Jeeps. Many Jeeps have them on their fenders and rear end. I learned that the vehicles have battle scars on the body-work. You could probably call them the Purple Heart for Jeeps.

I was hungry. What is it about being outdoors that makes you ravenous. A little repast of steak, baked

potatoes with all the trimmings, salad, and veggies, hit the spot. Plus if one desired a tippie or two there was a selection.

Discretion was the better part of valor at a high altitude. Besides I needed a clear head for breakfast which consisted of sausages, French toast, leftover steak, and rolls.

Onward and upward to Buck Island and thence to Big Sluice. This is where you have to pass the test to get into Rubicon Springs.

This is where one goes into a downward spiral. Everything passes before your eyes. Have you been a good person? Don't look ahead because the rocks are looking bigger.

Quickly I become a spotter (one who looks at the vehicle ahead). If they make a mistake don't follow it.

Remember Steve's motto. Get in, sit down, shut up, hold on.

Chevy Tracker proves a formidable SUV

By Arnold Wechter

NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

A niche within a niche. The best describes the role of the Chevrolet Tracker sport-utility vehicle.

The Tracker is one of several subcompact SUVs vying for the entry-level buyer. In many ways it is the most formidable of the group and in other ways it trails.

If you are an ardent rock climber and love serious off-roading then the Tracker should hold appeal for you. But if you seeking an SUV because it is fashionable and want it as an every day car for use around town.

The previous Tracker successfully completed the famous Rubicon Trail near Lake Tahoe, considered the toughest off-road course in the world. And with the improvements to the current model it should be able to hold its own in almost any off-road drive.

The Tracker is almost identical to the Suzuki Vitara. The two cars come off the same Canadian assembly line.

Chevy originally planned to offer a V-6 version of the Tracker, but Suzuki decided to keep the larger engine for its Grand Vitara. Chevy officials still hope to offer the Tracker with the larger engine sometime in the future.

The Tracker and its identical brother have been redesigned from the ground up; only a few components carry over from previous models.

The Chevy version is offered as either a two-door convertible or a four-door version, in two- or 4-wheel drive. Our test car was the four-door model highly equipped. The options brought the base price of \$15,935 to \$20,811.

There are two options which would be a must for this writer: anti-lock braking system (ABS) at \$595 and the amenity package which included air conditioning at \$1,520.

The Tracker has been given a more sculpted, muscular look than its predecessor. Some of the styling changes include: lower roof line and sloping hood designed to improve its aerodynamics; contoured edges on the front

end, doors, C and D pillars (four-door models) and a sportier new rear end; Sculpted fenders and side panels that also add to the vehicle's sporty appearance; a low-mounted spare tire aimed at improving rear driver vision.

We doubt if anybody will call the Tracker beautiful or sexy. But its appearance is rugged and its fits the vehicle's role.

The styling is not the only thing changed on the new model. To help smooth out the road there is a new independent front suspension and a new rear suspension featuring a five-link design.

It works as the ride is much improved over our memories several years back in its predecessor. Marion said it was better than she expected.

Two other major improvements were made. The tread width was increased by 2.4 inches and the recirculating ball steering on the previous model has been replaced by power rack-and-pinion system. The steering

appears more precise along with providing the driver with improved "road feel."

Following Chevrolet's practice, the Tracker is built on a full ladder-type frame. Chevy officials claim a full frame helps Tracker achieve its new level of ride comfort with two levels of isolation. The suspension provides one level of isolation, and rubber body mounts between the body and frame provide another level.

Two engines are offered Tracker buyers. The 1.6-liter four-cylinder unit is standard on two-door models, while a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine is standard on the four-door and optional on the convertible. The larger engine features a 34 percent increase in horsepower.

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39 Farmall just plain got the job done

Alfred and Joanne Goad were newlyweds in the early 1950s when Goad's father-in-law suggested going halves on a small tractor. You can't have a farm without a tractor, so in 1952 they bought a secondhand bright red 1939 International Harvester Farmall.

The secondhand bright red 1939 model was used mostly to tow a mower or to rake hay. It rode on 16x16-inch tires in the front that weren't that small unless compared to the 10.00x36-inch rear tires.

Each silver front wheel had 10 red spokes and each silver rear wheel had 12 red spokes with forked ends. Originally, the Farmall had steel rear wheels, instead of rubber tires. Goad explains that many farmers in those days were leery of air-filled rubber tires. They didn't want a flat tire.

Somewhere along the line the reliability of rubber tires, combined with the comfort factor, caught the original owner's attention. He cut off the old steel wheels at the end of the spokes, and welded on a rim to accommodate rubber tires.

The prescribed method of starting the 221-cubic-inch, four-cylinder engine is as follows. Set the brake. Put transmission in neutral. Turn the key (it won't start). Push choke in. Turn magneto on. Crank again. Push choke in. Crank again. About this time you should hear the exhaust from the four cylinders exiting the small exhaust pipe out the top of the engine hood. There is no muffler.

This is an honest tractor with no pretense at being anything except a tractor. Later models of Farmall, and

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

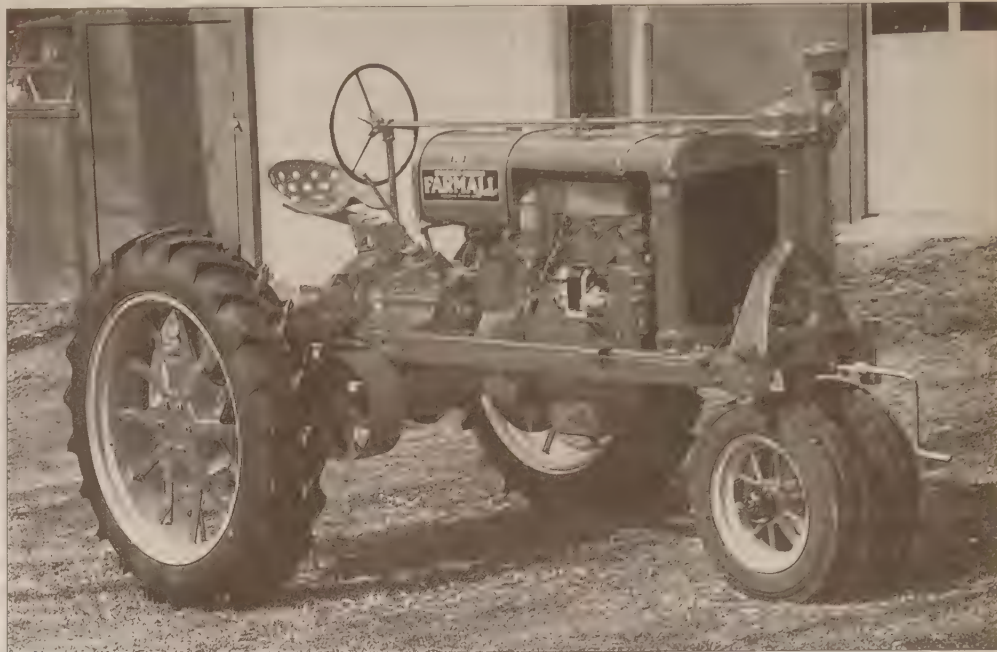
other makes as well, shrouded the radiator, camouflaged the steering gear and otherwise tried to hide the purpose for which the machine was built.

"It's easy to work on," Goad says. "You just walk up to it and there it is." The engine hood is about 5 feet off the ground. The Farmall has no lights, no water pump, no battery and no fuel pump. It does have an oil pump to circulate the seven quarts of oil. The 7 1/4 gallons of water are circulated by heat from the engine; the hot water goes up and the cold water goes down.

Dirt and debris can kill an engine, so in front of and above the radiator is the oil bath air cleaner. Farmers were advised not to let more than three-quarters of an inch of dirt accumulate in the bottom of the air cleaner. As an economy measure they were advised that used engine oil could be used in the air cleaner.

In the mid-1960s, the tractor was sold to a hunt club on the Eastern Shore of Maryland for use in maintaining a habitat to attract wild game. About the time that Goad retired, the hunt club asked if he would like his tractor back at no cost. Never one to look a gift tractor in the carburetor, he accepted and in April 1994, trucked the Farmall home.

The upper part of the engine should be manually lubricated, a task that hadn't been done in years. Goad literally had to hammer on the valves



THIS 1939 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER Farmall "still rides pretty good," according to its owner. "It's like having an old friend back home."

to break them loose. He found the housing of the Zenith carburetor cracked from the beating it had taken to free the stuck float.

The 11-foot, 7-inch-long tractor was totally disassembled in April 1994, and to everyone's amazement, it was totally restored in a mere four months.

The fuel tank, just ahead of the steering wheel, holds 7/8-gallon of

gasoline and 13 gallons of distillate. When the tractor was new, distillate oil sold for a fraction of the price of gasoline. Farmers started their tractors with gasoline and, when the engine was hot, switched to the cheaper distillate. The Farmall was rated at 15-20 horsepower at the drawbar and 23-26 horsepower at either the pulley or the power takeoff.

A larger-diameter steering wheel

— probably from an automobile — has been substituted for the original smaller steel wheel, undoubtedly to provide greater leverage.

As for the original steel seat on a spring, Goad reports that it "still rides pretty good." Notches are cast into the rear axle housing so the operator can choose to stand up while driving the Farmall.

Goad often has difficulty getting

to his tractor since some of his 25 grandchildren always seem to be hanging on it. The F20 Farmall was designed for farms of fewer than 100 acres. It was advertised as being capable of plowing seven acres in a 10-hour day on 10 gallons of fuel.

Now that the Farmall is restored to a better than new condition, Goad says, "It's like having an old friend back home."

SPARE PARTS

Designers pull out the stops for aftermarket Camry gains

Toyota Racing Development has created aftermarket performance and appearance upgrades for the Camry. With a seven-piece performance enhancement kit, performance tires, wheels and suspension components, the TRD Camry delivers a distinctive look and an exciting ride. The TRD Camry has a lower, sleeker profile with more responsive steering. Progressive-rate lowering springs drop the car 1.25 inches for tighter tracking and a more body lean.

DriversFest '99 set to draw serious rockers to beach bash

Volkswagen of America will host its first DriversFest on August 28, 1999 in Long Beach at the Jones Beach State Park in Walling, New York. According to Bill Rodgers, VW DriversFest chairperson, "Our goal is to make this the ultimate beach bash for Volkswagen drivers." Featured live rock bands include The Verve, Violent Femmes, Dishwall, The Atomic Fireballs and Grand Funk Railroad. For more information, call 800/434-4400 or visit www.vw.com.

2001 Silverado, Sierra to boast direct-injection diesel engine

An all-new direct-injection diesel engine will debut in the 2001 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra heavy-duty full-size pickup trucks. Leveraging its worldwide resources, General Motors is working jointly with Isuzu Motors Ltd. on the development of the DURAMAX 6600 V-8 engine. Designed by Isuzu, the engine will be manufactured by DMAX Ltd., a GM Isuzu joint venture in Moraine, Ohio. The all-new DURAMAX 6600 will be one

of the most advanced heavy-duty diesel engines on the market," claims Arvin F. Mueller, vice president and group executive of GM Powertrain. "We will offer customers an engine with outstanding horsepower and torque in a very quiet and fuel efficient package."

The 6.6-liter 4-valves-per-cylinder turbocharged engine, which will be optional in the Sierra and Silverado 2500 and 3500 series models, will offer one of the most precision-controlled fuel-injection systems in the heavy-duty market, according to GM engineers. The direct-injection common-rail system is expected to provide customers with significant improvements in power, torque, fuel economy and quiet operation.

Civic fans may soon get convertible, wagon, SUV

The popular Honda Civic series is expected to undergo a redesign for the 2001 model year. Honda reportedly is also working on several new derivatives of the car. Reports are that in addition to replacements for the Civic coupe, sedan and hatchback, the Japanese automaker is considering the introduction of a Civic convertible and the return of a Civic wagon. Honda also is reportedly adding a Civic-based minivan and a sport-utility, similar to the CR-V. The new Civic models are expected to be assembled in East Liberty and in Alliston, Ontario.

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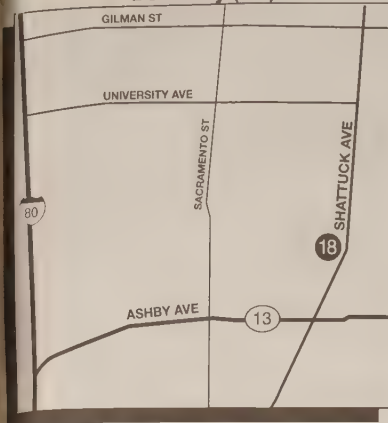
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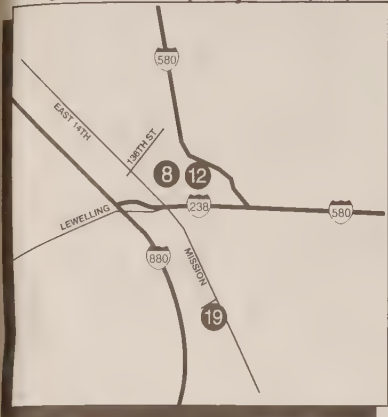
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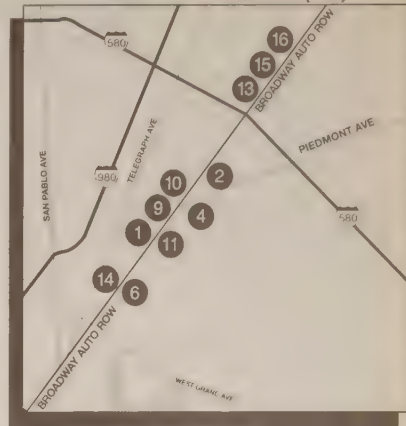
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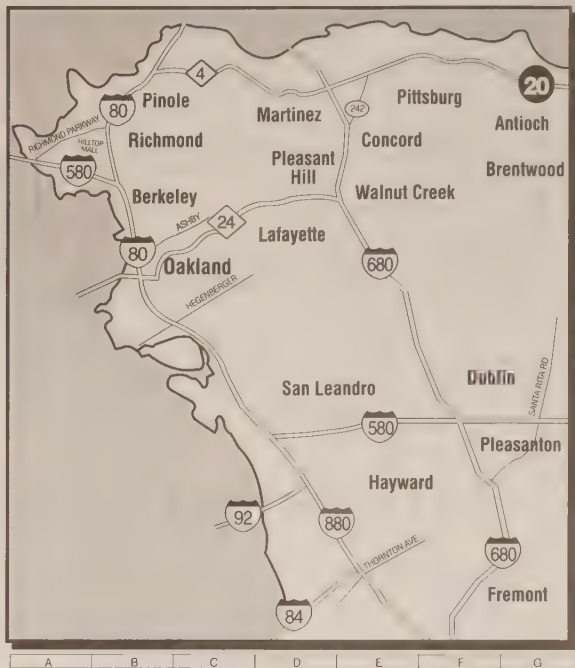
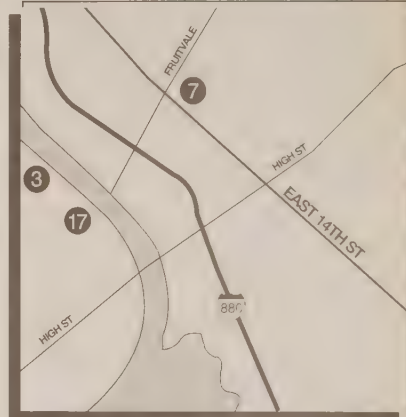
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Heat knocks S-10 down for the count

Dear Doctor: I am currently leasing a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 pickup with the 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine and manual transmission. The engine code is 4. After the truck sits in the hot sun, when I go to start the engine it will start right up and shut off. I had it back to the dealer for two days and they could not duplicate the problem. Is there a sensor that could cause this problem? Joseph

Dear Joseph: I am surprised the dealer did not check for trouble codes or bulletins on your problem. Our Mitchell On-Demand system lists your vehicle and engine code problem Technical Service Bulletin # 87-65-06 referring to a faulty crankshaft sensor, or problem with the theft-deterrent system. Have the dealer scan the computer for codes and check their GM information system for bulletins.

Mercury humming a dirge

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Mercury Grand Marquis with 47,000 miles on it. While driving at highway speeds, I hear a humming sound from under the hood. At the same time, the "check engine light" will come on. If I take my foot off the gas pedal, the car continues to travel at 50 mph. After a complete stop and taking my foot off the brake, the car travels 18 mph. Both problems are intermittent. The dealer replaced the Throttle Position Sensor and I still have the same problem. What do you think? Morris

Dear Morris: I would hope the dealer hooked up a scan tool to check for trouble codes. TPS sensors are a common problem in many makes and models, however, the TPS would not cause the humming sound you mentioned. The computer, by way of the idle air bypass valve, controls idle speed. If this valve sticks because of carbon deposits, it binds up, and the idle speed could be high as you state.

The source of the humming sound is another concern, possibly located in the emission tube to the air intake. If you go back to the dealer, have them look up the TSB on your car. If you go to an independent shop, ask them if they have a database such as Mitchell's and if there are TSBs on idle quality and the hum sound you mentioned.

Camaro 'machine-gunning'

Dear Doctor: We own a 1998 Chevrolet Camaro that has an intermittent no-start condition. When I turn the key to start there is a machine gun like sound. The dealer replaced the starter motor, but the problem still exists. They said it could

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By Junior Damato

be a number of different problems, such as the factory-installed anti-theft system, or a connection problem. Is there anything the dealer can do to find the problem? Linda

Dear Linda: Intermittent problems that do not set a trouble code in the computer are difficult to diagnose. I suggest you leave the car at the dealer, and get a loaner car from them. Next, they should call the GM help line for technicians, and together they will trace out the starting system. A rapid clicking sound is usually from low voltage getting to the starter motor. If the starter does not have the proper voltage and ground connection it will not engage to turn the engine over. They can also use a test theft module to see if that is the problem, as well as a voltage drop and total battery output voltage.

Will bushing lube hold?

Dear Doctor: Regarding a recent letter answered in your column on squeaking sounds from the rear suspension on a 1997 Chevrolet Malibu, I had similar squealing from both the front and rear suspension. I took it to the dealer and the rear sway bar bushings were removed and lubricated. Up front they replaced both of the lower control arms. The car is like new again. Carol

Dear Carol: It is hard to say for sure if the new style front control arm bushings will last. As for the rear bushing being lubricated, this is a common practice. The suspension systems are so tight that I see a lot of bushing wear on all makes and models, especially rear sway bars on Toyota, Lexus and Ford vehicles with front wheel drive.

Start follows long hiatus

Dear Doctor: I plan on buying a car that has not been started for about one year. Are there any precautions that I should take? Chris

Dear Chris: Change the oil and filter, and fill the filter with oil before installing it, also check the air filter for any animals that may have taken up residence. Check the radiator for coolant. Remove all spark plugs and squirt a small amount of mystery oil into each cylinder. Install or charge the battery. Crank the engine over with the spark plugs removed for 30 seconds, this will give the oil and fuel pressure a chance to build.



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2000 Monte Carlo speeds to praise

By Arnold Wechter
NORTH AMERICAN AUTO WRITERS SYNDICATE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Styling has not been one of Chevrolet's strengths in recent years, but with the introduction of the all-new 2000 Monte Carlo Coupe it appears that a new day is dawning.

The Monte Carlo is a stunning looker — and better yet it is a fine performer with more than enough power and an excellent ride and handling.

The first Monte Carlo debuted in 1969 as a 1970 model. It was conceived as a "personal luxury" with built-in performance.

Right out of the box, Monte Carlo became a favorite of buyers. It outsold its nearest competitor by nearly two-to-one. Offered in two models, LS and SS, the Monte Carlo doesn't share its exterior styling with any other General Motors car.

Both Monte Carlo models feature bold new lines, but at the same time they retain many of the traditional styling cues of past models. These include the signature long hood/short deck configuration.

The trademark vertical taillamps of the '70s are back, along with the

reintroduction of the classic "Monte Carlo" script lettering and "Knight's Crest" emblems.

SS buyers receive an even sportier, performance-oriented appearance, with fog lamps integrated into the front fascia, body-color rocker moldings, rear spoiler, larger exhaust pipes with dual mufflers, and 16-inch, five-spoke alloy wheels.

The Monte Carlo is built on the same platform as Chevy's new Impala sedan and uses the same powerplants. Some automotive writers have complained the new models lack the powerful V-8 engines of past Monte Carlos.

This is true, but the two V-6 engines offered are not lacking in muscle. The SS offers the award-winning 3800 V-6 with 200 horsepower and 225 ft/lbs of torque. The base engine in the LS version is a 180 hp, 205 ft/lbs torque 3400 V-6 engine.

Both engines feature Sequential Fuel Injection (SFI). The two engines are coupled to an electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

Chief Monte Carlo Engineer Greg Bellopatrick says modern engine technology allows the V-6 engines to outperform yesterday's V-8s, and

"they do it with higher reliability and lower operating costs."

We drove both the LS and SS models on two-lane and four-lane North Carolina highways and found the two engines quite capable. One thing we're sure about is that today's cars are far superior in ride and handling to the best of yesteryear's muscle cars.

The Monte Carlo feature standard four-wheel independent MacPherson strut suspension, front/rear stabilizer bars, tuned suspension components, responsive rack-and-pinion steering and standard 16-inch wheels and performance tires.

The SS's handling is even more precise with the added grip of Goodyear Eagle RS-A performance tires. Full-function traction control is standard on SS and this provides the driver with added control on slippery surfaces. This feature is not available on the LS model.

No one can complain about the brakes on either model. They are "largest-in-class" four-wheel antilock disc brakes. The larger discs provide improved cooling and fade resistance.

Later in the model year, non-asbestos organic brake linings will be

available. Chevy engineers like to brag about the Racing versions — most successful carston Cup history

NASCAR-inspired direct air to the front end, enhanced brake cooling, brake booster re inputs, and Chevy's stopping distances

The interior of the Monte Carlo is user-friendly, placed within easy reach and visibility rearview mirrors

And nighttime driving made easier on the use of improved version Carlo also offers interior air trunk

The rear split-fold room for adults. us that the new improved version cars we remember dling is sporty in all, it is priced reason

Celica

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car that looks and acts the part of a true sports coupe, which is the basis of its success. Although prices aren't finalized, I'm told that it will be less than a comparatively equipped 1999 model, which is about \$24,000.

Part of the leaner story is this car has a 90-pound reduction in weight. Although the wheelbase is longer, the overall length is shorter — and a delight to drive.

The meanness is in its acceleration. The engine now delivers more horsepower, has a higher redline, and reduces its zero to 60 mph time by nearly two seconds.

Toyota engineers also boast about the engine's economy. The estimated

EPA mileage ratings with a GTS six-speed manual transmission are 27 city and 42 highway — with unleaded premium. A Celica GT model, although it has a slightly weaker engine, gets even better fuel economy and uses regular unleaded gasoline.

I spent most of my time driving the GTS model with a six-speed manual transmission. In a word: fun! Besides, my colleagues were hogging the GTS models equipped with an automatic E-shift with steering wheel mounted buttons.

This shifting mechanism took a little practice to get the hang of it, but once I caught on, it was big-time fun. The automatic also uses the up-hill shift control to minimize the annoying shifting of gears when climbing hills.

Engineers improved the suspen-

sion and braking systems, strengthened the anti-roll bar, added rubber bushing, and made other changes helping the anti-dive geometry. All these changes improved the ride comfort.

Also attributing to the ride enjoyment are the two exceptionally comfortable bucket seats covered in plush leather. As for rear seat comfort, use it only in an emergency.

Another area of comfort comes under the heading of safety. The engineers told me how occupants are protected by WIL, an acronym that stands for Whiplash Injury Lessening. The new seat design, headrest position, seat back construction, and recline lock, all help reduce whiplash resulting from rear-end collision. And both the driver and passenger air bags have reduced deployment pres-

sure. Another safety feature is an electric fuel cutoff system. Should the buyer want more in safety, side air bags are offered as an option.

The interior has the cockpit of a genuine sports car. The analog gauges are large making them easy to read at a quick glance. The leather wrapped steering wheel plus the leather wrapped shifter knobs attribute to the atmosphere of GT-S's quality and elegance.

Another comfort feature is the center console, which is large enough to hold eight CDs or 10 cassettes to play in an amplified eight-speaker sound system. The mandate has been fulfilled; every Celica journey will be interesting.

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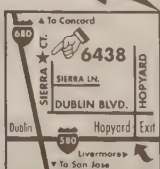
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knowledge of aging — understand the problems of drivers with first hand experience of it, has put to use a device called a "Third Age Suit." The suit restricts the engineers' movements and sensations in a way calculated to duplicate the limitations of age can visit on an older driver.

The Third Age Suit, devised in conjunction with researchers at the University of Loughborough in England, adds bulk in such a way as to restrict mobility in the knees, elbows, back and stomach area. The engineers and designers dressed in the suit, look prepared to climb aboard a space ship, or perhaps to tend a horde of angry bees.

They also wear gloves to dull the sense of touch and hinder finger agility. "We developed this suit to show our engineers and designers that it feels like to be an older person," said Vivek Bhise (CO) Manager, Human Factors and Ergonomics for Ford.

The number of drivers in that age group is growing as the Baby Boomers start taking longer to climb out of a car seat and wondering

when the highway people started making signs in smaller type.

In another 20 years, the number of people in the United States between the ages of 65 and 74 will almost double. That will mean some 74 million, an increase from 40 million today.

According to Richard Parry-Jones, Group Vice President, Product Development: "Our top priorities in establishing an automotive product development benchmark are understanding and satisfying our customers." An increasing number of those customers will be "mature and elderly."

The Third Age Suit puts Ford in the forefront of attending to that growing market. "It is one thing to read customer feedback in a marketing study," said Bhise.

"It's another to feel what they're feeling while driving a car. This has been a real eye-opener for our engineers." (Or an eye dimmer, as the case may be). The engineers also wear goggles to simulate the effect of developing cataracts.

The Ford Focus, a sprightly small car, is the first Ford to profit from the Third Age Suit. That hardly means the Focus is directed at old folks. All age groups benefit from the increased headroom and excellent outward visibility. Because of the

Third Age Suit, the Focus has a class-leading "H-point." That's the point at which the hips swivel for egress and ingress, meaning the car is easier to get in and out of for everybody. Older drivers have little trouble ducking their heads to clear a car's roof, or raising their leg to step over a high sill.

It's the need to do both at the same time to get into that low racy car that does them in. They will welcome a car like the Focus. "When you are young and fit enough to leap out of a car without effort," said Mike Bradley, Ergonomics Supervisor at Ford's Duntun Engineering Center at Essex in England, "it's hard to appreciate why an older person may need to lever themselves out of the driver's seat by pushing on the seat back and the door frame. But try leaping out while wearing this suit and you really understand the challenge we face."

So the Third Age Suit looks to be a step forward in designing for all drivers. Fine. But what I am waiting for is the Second Age Suit that will restore the complete twist in the torso for easy backing up and put some spring in the knees for ejecting from the deep leather bucket seat of that sports car. Get on it, Ford.

Rubicon

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mentioned is that the Jeepers Clubs are respectful of the environment. Nowhere did I see anyone throw garbage along the trail. If a driver saw anything he would stop and pick it up. One got used to the big plastic garbage bags swinging around at the back of each vehicle.

This was our last overnight stop before we attacked Cadillac Hill, considered to be one of the toughest and roughest uphill climbs.

Before we left this area I wanted to talk to some of the off-roaders to see what made them tick.

Early the next morning I heard a voice whispering, "Grandpa, are you awake?" "Grandpa," I had to talk to this guy. Grandpa emerged from his tent and began fiddling with his gear. He hadn't had his morning coffee,

so I left him alone and then met up with him at breakfast.

Oliver Smith, or Grandpa was 80 years young. His son came over and later told me he was 79. Why do older people add on a year of two, and younger people, especially women take a few off. One of the mysteries of the universe I suspect.

Seventy-nine or 80, who cares. Grandpa's mother is still alive. Grandpa told me she was 101. Again his son corrected him and said she was only 100.

No matter. Grandpa, son, grandson, and great-grandson usually make the trip together, only great-grandson couldn't make it this time.

Oliver Smith had been a mechanic for 50 years and the last impression I had of him was when he was fixing a U bolt on a vehicle which had died on Cadillac Hill.

He said: "I'm going to stay here until this is fixed."

So I said my goodbyes with re-

gret. The last I saw of him were his knees and boots underneath the front end of a Jeep.

Cadillac Hill is the last of the great energy exponders. The name is a misnomer. It should be called LaSalle Hill. An abandoned chassis turned out to be a LaSalle which had six speeds forward, and two backwards.

Observation point at the top of Cadillac Hill lets one reminisce over past bumps. A magnificent vista lets you see mountains still with a light coating of snow. The only sound you hear is the wind in the pine trees.

I am now considered a veteran of the Rubicon Trail after two completed runs. To the enthusiastic drivers I demand that you don't lose your sense of humor.

To all the Two Dollar Bills, Gun Runners, Dr. Flexes, and Grandpas etcetera, thanks a million.

lower section to protect the chest and abdomen, and a new upper section to help protect the head. The side airbags are integrated into the backrest of driver and front passenger seats so that the airbag is always next to the occupant, regardless of how you adjust the seat.

A new whiplash protection system helps to reduce the g-forces and catapult effects when the occupant is forced back against the backrest and head restraint in a rear-end collision.

The entire upper body is gently cushioned in a balanced manner as the backrest and head restraint move backwards in a parallel movement so that the distance between the head and head restraint is kept as short as possible.

As soon as the initial cushioning takes place in a crash, the backrest tips backwards while absorbing energy, and helps reduce the forward, snap rebound. Volvo has also developed a new seat to help decrease neck injuries at low and moderate speeds.

For young families with children, the S series' outer rear seats can be fitted with integrated child booster cushions for three-to-ten year olds. The split-folding rear seat has also been designed to withstand trunk luggage ending up against a passenger's spine in a rear-end collision.

As for structural safety, Volvo has

added robust bumpers and chassis components to its already rigid structure to dissipate energy in a crash.

The design of the new compacts has left the tradition of the classic, boxy Volvo in the dust. All that's left is the diagonal logo slashed across the grille. Softly sculpted corners and neat, crisp lines reflect the preference of Europeans for no-fuss styling.

While the S series offers foreign owners several engine choices to suit their many different driving environments, whether along traffic-free French countryside roads, or car-clogged London, Volvo is sending Americans its 2.0-liter, four-cylinder powertrain that boasts 160 horsepower, teamed with a four-speed automatic transmission with three modes: economy, sport and winter. No manual transmission is available.

Both sedan and wagon are packed with just about every standard feature you'll need, except for traction control, a sunroof, rear spoiler, power seats, and leather trim.

Whether you're a soccer mom, a soccer player, or anyone looking for a nicely-priced sedan or wagon with one of the best reputations for safety, Volvo's dealers are eager to show you the S40 and the V40.

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Chastain's husband is Jerry Smith, head soccer coach at Santa Clara University.

The new Swedish-designed S40 (S for sedan) and V40 (V for variable use) Volvos, which appear much larger than their designation as compacts, are built in a Dutch factory that shares floor space with Mitsubishi products.

Sensibly, Volvo, now owned by Ford Motor Company, has priced the vehicles at \$22,900 for the sedan and \$24,900 for the wagon.

If you're a highly-motivated thirty-something male or female earning around \$75,000 a year, and an avid Internet user, add these new Volvos to your possibilities list. Orders are being taken now for September delivery. Destination charges add \$575 to your tab.

So what are all these wonderful safety features that lured Brandi Chastain to declare her love on national TV? Young consumers will find that these affordable Volvos include virtually the same safety features as their bigger brothers, the S70 sedan and V70 wagon, including two-in-one, second-generation side-impact airbags.

These new airbags are larger than previous models. They include a

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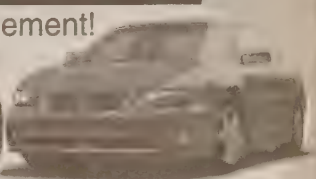


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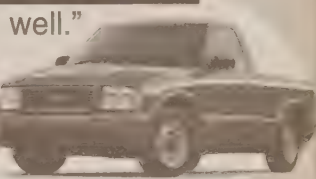


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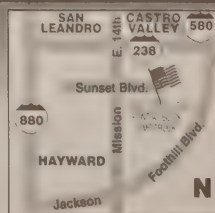
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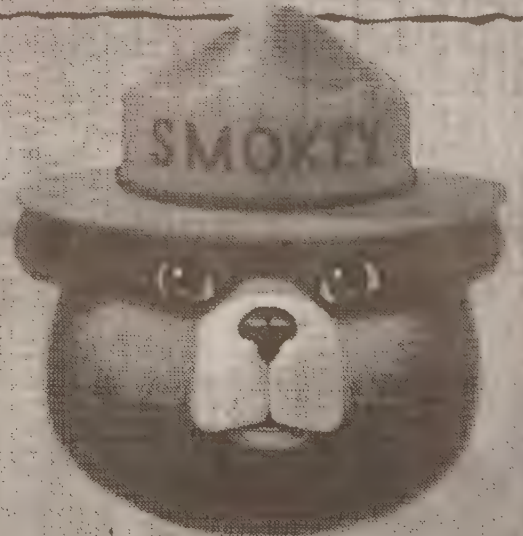


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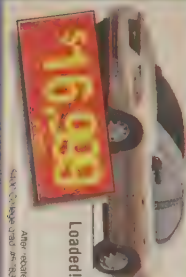
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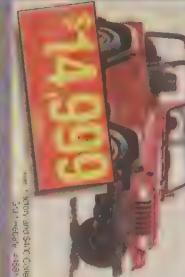
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SAN FRANCISCO — For those among the fortune-seeking forty-niners who survived scurvy and shipwreck on the voyage around Cape Horn, and for those who survived snow and starvation traveling overland, San Francisco presented a gaudy spectacle of freedom, where the restraints of the East fell away.

"At the Parker House or the El Dorado, women dealt the cards, a brass band or banjo music played and gold nuggets were piled high on the tables," wrote the historian Kevin Starr in his history of California.

One could eat at the Fly Trap or Monkey Warner's Cobweb Palace, decorated with whales' teeth, or the Poule d'Or. Or one could grab a cup of coffee at a little tent on Long Wharf, where three Croatian immigrants set up shop in the very first year of the gold rush, 1849, the year before California joined the union.

Landfill projects, earthquakes and commercial exigency have forced repeated moves since, but the business has prospered under a succession of Croatian-American owners.

It still does. It is now called the Tadich Grill, after a former pro-

prietor who went to work there in 1876. It is one of the state's oldest businesses, still a favorite of visitors and locals, including Mayor Willie Brown.

So this, you will have gathered by now, is Tadich's sesquicentennial year. Few restaurants last 50 years, let alone 150. Tadich's is older than Gage & Tollner and Peter Luger in Brooklyn, almost as old as Antoine's in olde New Orleans.

In a city known for cutting-edge restaurants, Tadich's is old-fashioned, a nostalgic shrine to local piscine tradition. The fishing fleets are gone, for the most part, and the places on Fisherman's Wharf serve tourists, mostly. Aqua, a chic and costly restaurant next door to Tadich's, roasts and sears fish superbly in the modern manner, or serves it not cooked at all, but Tadich's still grills and pan-fries it to perfection.

This is an understated kind of place, where you go to eat, not to dine, which can be a relief after all the edible architecture and confusion cooking you have to deal with around town. The time to go is lunch, and the thing to eat is fish, though Robert T. Buich, the current head of a family from Dubrovnik on the Dalmatian coast that has owned Tadich's since



1929, sticks in a word of praise for dinner and for his meat dishes.

There's something to be said for going in the evening, I suppose — the suits from Montgomery Street, San Francisco's mini-Wall Street, crowd into the place at lunchtime — but I'd no more order breaded veal cutlet or boiled brisket of corned beef at Tadich's than Dover sole at the Palm.

"We don't claim to be the best,"

said Bob Buich, who pronounces the family name BEW-itch. "But we believe in what we do and the way we do it, and we're not about to change. This is our life, not an investment."

"We don't pretend. You're not buying a Mercedes for \$80,000 when you come in here. You come for a meal, a drink, a good time, a good talk, so we try to keep the prices down. Some of the stock-

brokers say we're too cheap, but we get all walks in here, and I'd like to keep it that way."

A piece of prime fish will cost you \$12.25 (for a boned rainbow trout) to \$14.95 (for a filet of petrale sole). Sides and drinks extra.

I learned about San Francisco fish on my first trip to the city in 1964, covering one of Nelson Rockefeller's futile presidential campaigns. The instructor was my

friend George Murphy, from The San Francisco Chronicle — the real George Murphy, as we always called him, to distinguish him from the hoover-turned-senator. He took me to Sam's, Tadich's great rival, also owned by Croatian-Americans.

"No sauces," George lectured

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It's based on a design by NASA.

(Which may explain that floating sensation when you sit in it.)

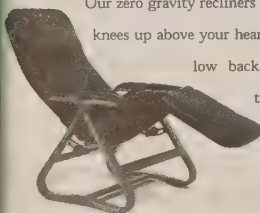
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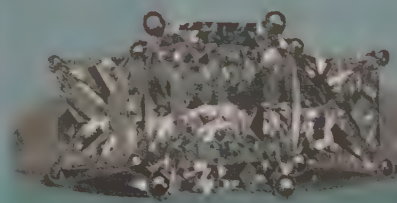
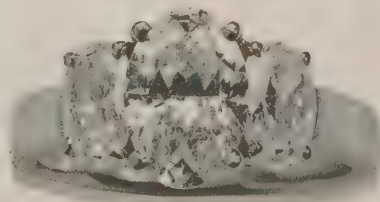
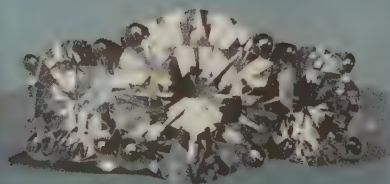
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Cozy up to delicate, dainty tea sandwiches

By Gary Krino
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

In the past five years, the so-very-English ritual of afternoon tea has become a popular social event in Southern California.

Tearooms offer scones with clotted cream and jam, fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, truffles, chocolate dipped strawberries and lots of pastries. But it's the tea sandwich that takes center stage.

Delicate and dainty, it can be filled with just about anything — from a heavenly rich salmon pate to come-and-get-it peanut butter and jelly.

It can be made with all sorts of bread, garnished within an inch of its life and presented so that it looks like the queen herself trimmed the crusts.

For the at-home tea, making wonderful sandwiches is a matter of timing, organization, experimenting with breads and fillings, and knowing how to present the assembled sandwiches, according to Carol Cox and Anne Ennis, tea sandwich experts extraordinaire.

Cox is owner of The Victorian Manor Tea Rooms and Gardens in Orange, which serves some 1,300 tea sandwiches a week, while Ennis, who lives in Orange and is a native of England's County Durham, is an English tea instructor and author of the book "Fifty Favourite Tea Sandwiches" (see ordering information below).

When it comes to an at-home tea, says Ennis, some people see the sandwiches as something they have to do — a chore. "To me, it's so much fun choosing the fillings, the breads, and the garnishes," Ennis says. "Really, the sandwiches are the most creative part of the tea and should be approached that way."

Vary the breads

"Don't use white air bread," Cox advises. "You want a bread with a good (fine, not rough) texture. When you spread the filling, the bread has to be strong enough to handle it and has to cut cleanly and look good." Squaw bread (with a slightly sweet taste) and wheat bread are favorites with her customers.

Ennis likes to use what's called a Pullman loaf. It's squared on all sides and can be ordered a day in advance from most bakeries. When you pick up the bread, Ennis says, ask the baker to cut it lengthwise, which should result in six to eight one-fourth-inch to one-half-inch slices. The larger slices allow you to make the sandwiches more quickly.

Experiment with different types of bread — rye, dill, poppy seed, pumpernickel, date nut, pumpkin, even tortillas. Small cocktail loaves also will work (don't trim the crusts).



For special occasions, Cox and Ennis order tinted breads from the bakery — blue or pink for baby showers, red and green for Christmas.

For rolled and pinwheel sandwiches, it's best to use very fresh bread, Ennis says. For other sandwiches, she uses day-old bread.

Fanciful fillings

Tastes in tea sandwich fillings have expanded considerably, well beyond the traditional cucumber and watercress.

Cox's customers like sandwiches with a cream-cheese base mixed with crispy crumbled bacon, chopped green olives, chopped black olives, sliced sun-dried tomatoes and basil, or grated fresh carrots and black pepper.

Ennis' repertoire includes crab salad, sweet and sour beef, cashew chicken, ham and chutney, mozzarella cheese and prosciutto, and turkey and orange marmalade.

To save time the day of the tea, some fillings can be made the night before.

Putting it together

Ennis puts a light spread of butter on each

slice of bread, which helps seal it against moist fillings. Cox doesn't use butter. Her customers, she says, are watching their fat and cholesterol intake.

Next comes the filling. If the filling has two parts (a spread and a thin slice of meat, for example), Ennis applies a thin layer of spread to both pieces of bread, places the meat on one of them, then tops it with the other slice of bread. The method gives a more decorative look to the filling.

Once the large sandwich is filled, trim off the crusts, then cut into tea sandwiches. There are three traditional shapes: triangles (four per large sandwich), squares (four per large sandwich) and fingers (three per large sandwich).

Don't skimp on the filling, says Cox. Depending on what it is, it should be up to half an inch thick.

For a tea of up to eight people, serve three different sandwiches, allowing five to seven servings per person.

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Take guilt out of dessert

By The Associated Press
Take the guilt out of dessert with this light and refreshing Honey Lemon Tea Sorbet. It is fat-free and uses honey to satisfy the sweetness craving. Different types of tea can be used to produce different flavors — experiment with specialty teas. The recipe calls for an ice-cream maker; either a hand-crank or electric machine will work.

Honey Lemon Tea Sorbet
1 1/2 cup cold water
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
6 tea bags, herbal or black
2 1/2 cups boiling water
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
1/8 teaspoon salt

Pour cold water into small bowl. Sprinkle gelatin over cold water; set aside. Place tea bags in large bowl. Pour boiling water over tea bags; stir to moisten thoroughly. Steep 5 minutes. Remove and discard tea bags.

Add gelatin mixture to tea; stir until dissolved. Stir in honey, lemon juice, lemon peel and salt; mix well. Let stand until mixture is cool. Transfer mixture to ice cream maker; freeze according to manufacturer's directions.

Makes 6 servings.

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TADICH

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me. "The French do sauces." He also told me to forget the salmon and swordfish and go for Dungeness crab, bay shrimp, sand dabs, petrale sole and hash browns, that kind of stuff — and drink Wente Brothers gray riesling.

After he died, I gave up Sam's, and gray riesling, too. I moved over to Tadich's, but I found that George's fish advice worked just as well there. For decades now, I have been sitting down at Tadich's counter, usually about 2 p.m., when the crowds have thinned, and ordering a fillet of pan-fried petrale sole (a kind of Pacific flounder).

My wife, Betsey, usually opts for the delicate, diminutive sand dabs, boned, also pan-fried. Both dishes are invariably crisp, golden and buttery outside, moist and sweet inside.

Usually crab or bay shrimp to start with, always the chewy hash browns, and, most recently, a bottle of the fine Hanzell chardonnay from the Sonoma Valley. We've never managed dessert, but people say the rice pudding is middling or better.

Michael Buich, Bob's nephew, told me that the biggest seller is probably cioppino, the tomato-based seafood stew devised eons ago by the city's Italian-American fishermen. It's ordered at least 200 times a day.

Tadich's version is not, in fact, a stew. Some years ago, the chef at the time, John Canepa, who came from Genoa, decided that with the pot bubbling away on the back of the stove the fish was always overcooked by midafternoon. So now the fish, clams, prawns, scallops, bay shrimp and crab meat are cooked separately, and the sauce is poured over them at the last minute.

A lot more people order their fish

sauteed with white wine now, rather than fried in butter, Mike Buich said, because they count the calories the way the old-timers never did. Fish come not only from this area but from Chile, New Zealand, Southern California, Alaska and fish farms — always on ice, never frozen, except the prawns, which is a huge change from the '60s. You find thresher shark and albacore and bluenose sea bass on the list of daily specials these days.

You even find a fair number of women at the brass doors when they open for lunch at 11 a.m. Montgomery Street has changed. But the atmosphere of Tadich's remains resolutely masculine, if by no means aggressively or exclusively so. The waiters, in short starched white coats, could work as extras in "Grumpy Old Men," Part 3, but they know their trade, and to me, at least, it's a pleasure to know that they do this for a living and always have.

And there are still no reservations to be had for anyone.

Tadich's last move came in 1967, when it had to vacate its premises at the corner of Leidesdorff Alley and Clay Street to make way for an annex to the Wells Fargo Bank. (There's another echo of the Gold Rush; Wells Fargo and Levi Strauss are two of the other companies whose early customers were the pioneer gold miners.)

On the last day of business at the old stand, the restaurant rolled back the prices to those of 1912, when it had moved there. Broiled lobster was \$1. Doris Muscatine, a Berkeley food writer, started lunch at 3 o'clock that afternoon, and she and a friend worked their way through clam broth, clam chowder, crab Louie, sea bass, a deep-fried shellfish combo, jumbo asparagus, dessert and coffee. Not counting wine, the tab came to \$3.15.

The "new" Tadich's, at 240 California Street, contains most of the furnishings and all of the clamor of

the old one. Dark wainscoting circles the rectangular room, nine Art Deco chandeliers give it a period feel and a long J-shaped bar accommodates unaccompanied trenchermen. A series of booths, divided by seven-foot partitions, runs down one side, and tables fill the rest of the available space.

But the sawdust is missing, sadly, from the tiled floor.

In an open kitchen at the back, the head chef, Fritz Braker, starts work every day at 5:30 a.m. He fields telephone calls from purveyors between 6 and 7, and by 8:30 the fish has arrived. Once a week or so, some of it goes straight back, having failed to meet the restaurant's standards — "mostly mushy sand dabs," Bob Buich said, "100 pounds out the door."

Most days, both Buiches, dad in the same white coats as their waiters, work the floor. Mike Buich tries to persuade people to try something new, like sturgeon or tuna, and both spend time educating young customers about local fish, which aren't cooked much at home in this modern era.

To celebrate the restaurant's birthday, the menu, usually printed in red and black on a single sheet of heavy stock, folded in half, is being printed in green and white. A modest catalog of souvenirs and sauces has been produced. But no banner hangs in the window, and so far there has been no gala banquet.

CIOPPINO

Adapted from Tadich Grill

Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

½ cup olive oil

8 tablespoons butter

1 small onion, chopped

1 small stalk celery, chopped

1 medium carrot, chopped

1 small stalk fennel, chopped

½ bell pepper, chopped

1 small leek, chopped

1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes

1 tablespoon tomato puree

1 tablespoon kosher salt

¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon minced fresh oregano

1 tablespoon minced fresh basil

1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme

4 whole bay leaves

Dash cayenne pepper

1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic

½ cup flour

½ pound halibut, cut into one-inch pieces

1 pound swordfish, cut into one-inch pieces

8 large sea scallops

8 large shrimp, peeled and deveined

¼ pound bay shrimp (or other small shrimp)

6 ounces picked crab meat

1 cup dry white wine

8 cherrystone clams, scrubbed

and steamed until opened

Minced parsley for garnish

8 slices French bread, spread with additional butter, seasoned with additional garlic and oregano, and toasted until golden brown (optional).

1. Place half of the butter and oil in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Add onions and cook gently 1 minute; do not brown. Add celery, carrot, fennel, bell pepper and leek and continue to cook gently 5 minutes, stirring. Add tomatoes, tomato paste, 2 cups water, salt, pepper and remaining herbs and spices. Simmer, partly covered, 2 hours, stirring occasionally.

2. In a large skillet over high heat, saute garlic in remaining butter and oil for several seconds; do not brown. Lightly dust all seafood but clams with flour and add to skillet. Saute 2 minutes, until golden; then stir in white wine. Cook 1 minute, allowing wine to reduce.

3. Add sauce, cover skillet and cook over low heat 7 minutes. Transfer to a large, shallow casserole. Place steamed clams on top and garnish with minced parsley. Serve hot with toasted French bread.

Yield: 4 servings.

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Why dig for gold, if there are clams?

By Elaine Louie
N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

NEW YORK — Clamming is a primordial experience. All it involves is walking slowly in the ocean at low tide, bending over and groping in the sediment in search of a hard, slightly rounded shape.

Clamming requires no equipment, except maybe a bucket. It demands no talent, except a notion of where the clams are. Like fishing, trapping and hunting, it is one of the most ancient ways to gather food.

The laziest clambers, like me, treat a clam on its own rhythmic terms. We burrow together. I wade into two feet of water, sit down and grope about in the mud. Others are

more energetic, or better equipped.

Tom Thompson, a retired banker who clams in Huntington Bay, on the North Shore of Long Island, uses a rake and carries a wire basket on a float to keep his catch alive. Tom Colicchio, executive chef at Gramercy Tavern in Manhattan, learned at age 3 to feel for clams with his feet and take along a bushel basket to float in an inner tube.

Professional clambers work year round using hydraulic dredges or a 20-foot-long implement known as a bull rake. Amateurs usually do their clamming by hand in summer, when the water is soft and warm and the surf a mere ruffle. On the East Coast, all search for three kinds

of clams.

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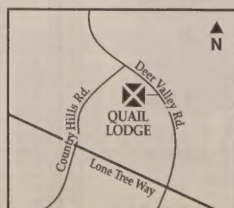
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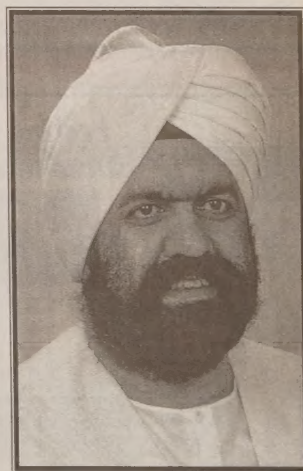
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SANDWICHES

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As a general rule, the more moist the filling (mayonnaise bases and cucumbers, for example), the closer to serving time the sandwich should be prepared. Sandwiches that feature more hearty ingredients such as meats and cheeses can be made two to four hours before serving.

Sandwich storing

Ennis uses the broiler pan from her oven as a storage container. A container with a similar shape can also be used.

Ennis begins by lining the bottom of the pan with a damp muslin tea towel (terry cloth is too heavy). The towel should overlap the sides of the pan and be large enough to fold over the tops of the sandwiches once the container is filled.

Next goes in a layer of wax paper, followed by a layer of sandwiches, then two layers of wax paper, followed by more sandwiches and wax paper, until all the sandwiches have been stored, finishing with a layer of wax paper. (Do not store more than three levels of sandwiches in any one container.)

Fold the sides of the damp towel over the tops of the sandwiches and refrigerate up to six hours.

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The final step in tea sandwich perfection is making them look as good as they taste.

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the bottom level of three-tiered silver tidbit trays and garnishes the tray with purple and green flowering kale. "It moves them a cut above," she says. Trays can also be decorated with edible flowers such as nasturtiums.

Give each sandwich its own garnish. Depending on the filling, cocktail onions, pimiento-stuffed olives, raisins, seedless grapes, button mushrooms, cornichons (tiny cucumber pickles) or cherry tomatoes can be speared on sandwiches with frilly toothpicks. Because it is usually moist, this type of garnish should be added just before serving.

If you'd like more information on teas and tea sandwiches, "Fifty Favourite Tea Sandwiches" by Anne Ennis may be ordered by calling 714-517-7699. Cost is \$13.47 plus \$1 shipping and handling.

Bacon and Cheese Sandwiches

1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
2-3 tablespoons mayonnaise
10 slices bread of choice
1/2 cup crumbled crisp-cooked bacon

1. Lightly toss cheese with mayonnaise.
2. Lightly butter bread slices.

3. Spread cheese/mayonnaise mixture on top and bottom slices of buttered bread.

4. Sprinkle crumbled bacon on 1 of the slices of bread and top with the other.

5. Trim crusts off sandwiches.

6. Cut into tea sandwiches.
Yield: 20 triangular or square sandwiches

Nutritional information (per serving): 100 calories, 4.3 grams protein, 6.4 grams carbohydrates, 6.5 grams fat, 59 percent calories from fat, 12 milligrams cholesterol, 203 milligrams sodium

Source: "Fifty Favourite Tea Sandwiches," by Anne Ennis

Fruity Cheese Sandwiches

1 cup softened cream cheese
10 slices fruit bread of choice: date nut, pumpkin, cinnamon raisin, fruit cake (Christmas variety)

1. Spread cream cheese on top of 1 of 2 pieces of bread.
2. Top with the other piece.
3. If bread has crust, remove.
4. Cut into finger tea sandwiches.

5. Garnish by spearing a small pitted date or seedless grape to each sandwich with a frilly toothpick.
Yield: 15 finger sandwiches
Nutritional information (per serving): 100 calories, 2.5 grams protein, 9.2 grams carbohydrates, 6 grams fat, 54 percent calories from fat, 17 milligrams cholesterol, 111 milligrams sodium

Source: "Fifty Favourite Tea Sandwiches"

Cheese and Asparagus Pinwheels

1 (15-ounce) can extra-long asparagus spears
Capers

1 medium-large tomato, cut into 4 wedges (seeds removed), each wedge cut into 4 strips

5 flour tortillas, 7-8 inches in diameter

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened

Cook's note: The rolls can be wrapped snugly in foil and stored in the refrigerator up to 24 hours. Just before serving, remove and cut into pinwheels.

1. Drain asparagus spears and capers and blot dry with paper towel.

2. If necessary, blot excess juices from tomato strips.

3. Spread tortillas evenly with cream cheese from top to bottom, leaving a 1/4-inch border at the sides of each tortilla.

4. Place 2 asparagus spears 1 1/2 inches up from the bottom of each tortilla.

5. Place a single row of tomato slices next to the asparagus.

6. Sprinkle some capers on top of asparagus and tomato.

7. Starting at bottom edge, roll up firmly.

8. With finished edge underneath, cut off 1/4-inch border at the sides of each of the rolled tortillas.

9. Cut each roll into 1-inch-wide pinwheels. You should get 4-5 pinwheels per tortilla roll.

Yield: Up to 25 pinwheels

Nutritional information (per serving): 58 calories, 1.7 grams protein, 4.8 grams carbohydrates, 3.7 grams fat, 57 percent calories from fat, 10 milligrams cholesterol, 120 milligrams sodium

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CLAMS

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tervices certainly aren't. They have a sweet briny flavor and a pleasing chewiness that makes them irresistible raw with a squeeze of lemon, or steamed in white wine with garlic and parsley or, in the simplest of sandwiches, battered-fried and stuffed into a soft roll with tartar sauce, lettuce and tomato.

Clams probably spend more time in chowders than anywhere else, and these days the choice is no longer between just creamy New England and red Manhattan. At Gramercy Tavern, Colicchio makes a chowder with leeks, fingerling potatoes and onions (and ramps, in season), heightening it with fresh, lemony corn.

And at the Lobster Club, Anne Rosenzweig steams clams in white wine, olive oil and garlic, reserving the broth to add to her classic creamy New England chowder, along with scallions and kernels of fresh, sweet milky corn.

Clams reveal their origin when it comes time to cook them. They need to be scrubbed seriously to get rid of all the grit they have been burrowing in. And they need to come out of their shells.

The easiest way to open a clam is to steam it until the shell pops open; prying it open with a knife is dangerous for the inexperienced. Most shops will sell clams shucked

as long as they are to be eaten or cooked within the hour. Otherwise, customers are advised to take them home closed.

Clams should be kept uncovered and dry on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator, where the temperature is 38 to 40 degrees.

Digging your own, though, gives instant gratification. In 20 minutes, in a densely populated clam colony, a lazy clammer can dig up 48 clams, just the right amount for most chowder recipes.

A \$5 license from town hall in Huntington, for example, allows an amateur clammer to gather half a bushel of shellfish a day, including no more than 100 hardshell clams. Not a bad price for shopping in nature's store.

Spicy Lemony Clams with Pasta

Adapted from the Lobster Club

Time: 25 minutes

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 pound spaghetti, linguine or other pasta

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

8 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced

36 littleneck clams, well scrubbed

3/4 cup dry white wine

1 tablespoon hot pepper flakes

Finely grated zest of 2 lemons

Juice of 1 lemon

1/2 cup chopped Italian parsley.

1. Fill a large stockpot three-quarters full of water, and add 1 tablespoon salt. Bring to a boil over high heat, and add pasta. Boil until pasta

is al dente, 7 to 8 minutes, and drain well. While pasta is cooking, prepare sauce.

2. In a large skillet over medium-low heat, heat olive oil. Add garlic, and saute just until garlic is translucent, about 2 minutes. Add clams and wine, and cover immediately. Raise heat to medium-high. Shake pan often, and check clams after 4 minutes. If any have opened, transfer them to a bowl so they do not overcook. Simmer remaining clams until all have opened.

3. In a large serving bowl, combine clams and broth from pan. Add pepper flakes, lemon zest, lemon juice, parsley, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Add drained pasta, and toss well. Serve in soup bowls, accompanied by hot sourdough toast.

Yield: 4 servings.

Warm Clam Salad with Fresh Herbs and Tomatoes

Adapted from Gramercy Tavern

Time: 25 minutes

1 red tomato

1 orange or yellow tomato

24 littleneck clams, well scrubbed

shallot, peeled and chopped

2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped

1/4 cup white wine

Sprig of parsley

2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1/4 cup mixed green and purple basil leaves

1/4 cup parsley leaves
Salt and freshly ground black pepper.

1. Bring a medium saucepan half-full of water to a boil. Immerse tomatoes 10 seconds; then remove and rinse with cold water. Peel and seed tomatoes. Dice them and set aside.

2. In a large saucepan, combine clams, shallot, garlic, wine and parsley sprig. Cover, place over high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium, and cook until all the shells open, 8 to 10 minutes. Check the pan occasionally, and transfer open clams to a bowl to prevent overcooking. When all clams have opened, set them aside in the bowl.

3. Strain broth in saucepan; there should be about 1/2 cup. Transfer to a blender, and add lemon juice. With machine running, slowly add olive oil. Return mixture to a large saucepan over medium heat. When broth is simmering, add clams in their shells, and tomatoes. When clams are heated, remove from heat and add basil and parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Toss to mix well. Serve immediately.

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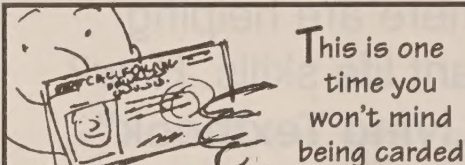
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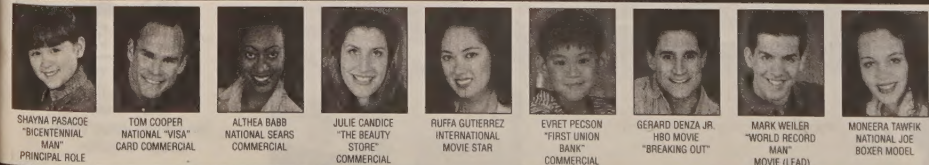
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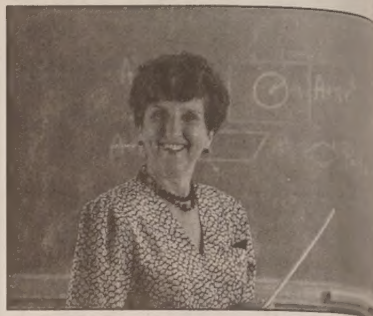
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